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PREFACE

THERE is no such thing as finality in Manual of Devotion; and this little book is not issued with the idea that it is even approximately complete. Although it has occupied the author for many years —and part of its material is gathered from far distant sources—it is merely a supplement to other Manuals which exist, and are in use. Neverthless, it has one or two features which may give it a place of its own in the Literature of Devotion.

Its author and compiler may quote some sentences from his preface to a small volume of *Home Prayers*, issued by the Messrs Blackwood in 1879; as an attempt was then made to unfold an ideal, which this book endeavours to realize more fully.

Although it was published anonymously, the author may admit that the former book was written by himself; but he must now add that its title was suggested to him by a distinguished member of the University of St Andrews, whom he once knew very well, and with whom he co-

operated in many schemes for the benefit of their *alma mater*—Professor Meiklejohn —whose removal was deplored by all his colleagues.

"Every form of prayer should combine simplicity with depth, and sententious brevity with fervour. It should unite fulness and force of thought, with compactness of form and directness of expression. It will have an additional charm if, to the undogmatic embodiment of human feeling, it adds a certain antique stateliness, combining a grave simplicity with archaic grace of phrase. It is this latter feature which gives the prayers which possess it their more permanent character, inasmuch as it connects them with the past without losing hold of the present. Admirably embodied in the liturgies of the ancient Church, it can scarcely be said to characterize our modern attempts in the same direction.

"The best prayers are the simplest, if they are at the same time expressive and full. Devotional utterance should never be involved, while it should not be commonplace. It should be neither didactic, familiar, not trivial. But the triumph of perfect simplicity, to which the writers of the old Church Collects attained, cannot

perhaps be fully appreciated till one tries to add another to the series. It will then be found that, to avoid intricacy and to escape familiarity, to be neither rhetorical nor conventional, is the great difficulty, and the supreme desideratum."

To the above it may now be added that, in every collect a single thought, or a single petition, should predominate: and while its expression is concise and direct, it should not be burdened by "asides," even of the simplest nature. It ought never to detain the mind or the heart of a worshipper, by stirring up reflection; but should disencumber both, by bringing him straight away from the *media* of devotion—and even from the use of words—to Him in whom he lives, and moves, and has his being.

In this volume nearly all the prayers are collects, or assume the collect-form. The majority are drawn from ancient and mediæval sources. Some, more distinctively modern, and others quite recent, are composed according to the ancient form and model.

It has not been compiled for scholars, in their liturgical studies; but for worshippers, in their daily use and wont. Furthermore, it has not been prepared in the first instance for oral service. It may

be read, day by day, when vocal worship is impossible. The *horæ quietæ* in which it is used may be either times of "common prayer," in which a household is assembled, and several take part; or, they may be hours of solitary fellowship with the Unseen, in which speech is dispensed with, meditation is solitary, and the "communion of saints" is silent.

As several efforts have been made to realise the ideal outlined in the foregoing extracted passages, it may be explained that the author's original idea was to construct a series of thirty-one Services, one for every day of the month, and each consisting of three sections. The first section was to contain two collects, drawn from ancient or mediæval sources. The second was to include two of the Anglican collects; while the third was to consist of two collects not hitherto published, embodying more especially the wants and aspirations of the modern world. Thus, six collects, arranged in three sections, would have been placed by themselves for use in each day of the month, giving a total of one hundred and eighty-six prayers.

The whole series, however, being divided out on the principle of assigning to each collect a fixed place in a special

day of the month, a difficulty was found in adjusting them, so as to give both variety and unity to each group. Besides being arbitrary, such an arrangement did not harmonize with the ritual of the successive seasons in the sacred year. The collects—gathered from the three sources already mentioned—are therefore printed in this book in undivided sections, the first containing 115 prayers, the second, 64, and the third, 95; and those who use them may select on any day the particular collect, or collects, which they find most useful or expedient.

As to the prayers drawn from ancient sources, in the majority of cases the translations made are *verbatim*, with occasional alterations from the singular to the plural number, or from the past to the present tense. But, as the early compilers often changed the text from which they drew their finest passages, it is claimed that a similar liberty may be taken by those of later times in their effort to adapt the language of antiquity to modern usage. Even within the limits of the selection now made from these ancient sources, it is instructive to note how S. Augustine and S. Anselm, for example, dealt with the early liturgy of S. Clement; discarding

much, drawing out more, now expanding and now curtailing the primitive phraseology of devotion. Even in the case of modern prayers—such as those of Thomas à Kempis, Bishops Jeremy Taylor, Lancelot Andrewes, and Thomas Wilson, of Pusey and Cardinal Newman—occasional alterations and omissions have been made, to adapt them to modern needs. It may be added that in the admirable selection of *Preces Veterum*, collected and edited by John F. France (1872), the author concludes his elaborate title with the words, "et in usum hodiernorum ecclesiæ Anglicanæ filiorum accomodatæ." In his "preface," Mr France, writes: "without some adaptation, it is evident that ancient formularies, private or public, must in many instances remain to us mere records of bygone or foreign religious practice; most interesting indeed in that character, but as operative agencies virtually non-existent. There can therefore be no impropriety in accommodating such relics of the past to modern use."

Furthermore, in illustration of the way in which the finest liturgical fragments have been evolved—and how, in consequence, the three sections into which this booklet is divided must so far overlap—it may be

noted that the collects in the Anglican Morning Service, beginning "O Lord our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day," etc., and "O Lord, from whom all good things do come," etc., are both taken, almost *verbatim*, from the Gelasian Sacramentary; while the one beginning "O Almighty God, vouchsafe to direct, sanctify, and govern," etc., is similarly taken from the Gregorian. These collects might therefore be placed in section one of this book, if they had not already found a place in section two. Indeed the whole of section two is drawn from ancient sources, with the exception of the collects written by Archbishop Cranmer, Bishop Gunning, and the Sarum Breviary or Missals; the latter having their roots in the patristic period.

But, as the form of the Anglican collects is much more perfect than any of the ancient ones—since their great compilers took the best that existed, and polished them with diamond dust of their own—they are placed in a class by themselves. When using them our thoughts wander back to that great and goodly company, not only of the Prophets and Apostles, but of all the Fathers and Teachers of the

Church Catholic, who have taken part in their construction; and have handed them down to us as their richest legacy, each one of them becoming grander and simpler, more deep, intense and adequate from age to age. Well did our English Bishop Thomas Wilson write of them, in his *Maxims of Piety and of Christianity*, "In these we join, and pray, not as private men asking blessings for themselves, but as a Religious Society exercising that charity which is the peculiar badge of the Christian Religion."

And, better still, did Canon William Bright speak of the "wonderful blending of strength and sweetness in the Collects, which has made them such a Bond of Union for pious minds of different times and countries, . . . prayers which say so much in saying so little, . . . which are never weak, never diluted, never drawling, never ill-arranged, never a provocative to listlessness." They adapt themselves, he adds, "with a marvellous flexibility to all the different conditions of the human spirit."

As a testimony alike to the uniqueness of the Anglican *Book of Common Prayer*, and of the aspiration of one of the noblest and most devout of Englishmen who lived out-

side her pale—and yet understood and profoundly sympathised with much contained within it—the following words of James Martineau may be quoted; more especially as his final sentence is an explicit testimony to the need of the third section into which the prayers of this little book are divided

Writing to Mrs Baden Powell on the 16th January 1863, and sending him a copy of his own *Common Prayer for Christian Worship*, published in 1861, he said "... How little—especially at first—it" [*i.e.* his book] "can satisfy the feeling and the ear trained by the English Church Service, I am well aware. It is far from satisfying my own. But perhaps, after a number of faithful and reverent attempts of this kind, some higher result than is yet in sight may be worked out, and the aspiration for a pure and comprehensive worship be realized."

Readers of the ancient and mediæval liturgies are aware of the fact that many "prayers"—passed into "meditations"; and that, conversely, some of their meditations became prayers. This undoubtedly adds to the interest of such works as the *Confessiones* of S. Augustine, and the *De Imitatione* of à Kempis, to mention only two illustrative cases. The present book, how-

ever, is limited to *preces*, with the exception of such a blending of the two as will be found in the words of Thomas à Kempis at p. 83.

All the prayers—especially those in the first and second sections of this volume—are the outcome of the Hebrew and the Christian consciousness. As such, it may be found interesting to compare them with others which the Church can appropriate, and read with profit, although they originated outside its pale; such as the sentence at the close of the *Phædrus*, in which Socrates is represented as saying, "Give me beauty in the inward soul; and grant that what we have outwardly may be in concord with that which is within. May the outward and the inward man be at one. That prayer, I think, is enough for me." To which Phœdrus replies, "Ask the same for me, for friends should have all things in common."

These are noble utterances, which may be remembered when we read the sentence of St Paul addressed to the Athenians at Mars Hill, "Whom ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you." Again, in the exordium to the *Suppliants* of Aeschylus (525-709) there is a prayer which, like the great hymn of Cleanthes—perhaps the most perfect in Greek literature—is notable

in many ways, although scarcely adapted for modern use.

The following is a free version of part of Cleanthes' hymn. "O most glorious many-named author of Nature, ruling all things by law, Thee it is lawful for all mortals to adore, for we are thine off-spring, and alone of creatures have a nature which is the image of thy reason. The entire universe obeys Thee, wheresoever Thou leadest it. Without Thee nothing is done, either on the earth or on the sea, save only what the wicked do in their foolishness. But Thou understandest how to make uneven things even, and to bring into order what is disordered, for Thou hast fitted all good things into one. O all-bestowing God, release men from ignorance. Dispel it from their souls, O Father, and impart to them wisdom; for there is no greater blessing, either for mortal men or for the gods, than to sing rightly the universal law."

It may be of use to readers of this book, for the sake of comparison, to give a sample of the Vedic and the Zoroastrian prayers.

The daily morning utterance of every devout Brahmin is this. "Let us meditate on the adorable light of the Divine Creator. May he rouse our minds."

In the Rig Veda we read as follows,

"Where there is eternal Light, in that immortal imperishable sphere, where life is free, where the worlds are radiant, there make me immortal; where joys reside, where the desire of our desires is attained, here make me immortal." Again, "May that soul of mine—which is a ray from out the inextinguishable light—be united, by Divine meditation to the Spirit supremely blest, supremely intelligent."

In a Parsee prayer, in the *Zendavesta*, we have the following confession of sin: "That which was the wish of God, that which I ought to have thought and have not thought, that which I ought to have spoken and have not spoken, that which I ought to have done and have not done, of these things I repent with thoughts, words, and works; pardon me, O Lord. That which I ought not to have thought and yet have thought, that which I ought not to have spoken and yet have spoken, that which I ought not to have done and yet have done, of these things I repent with thoughts, words, and works; pardon me, O Lord."

Then, when we come within the distinctive circle of Christian literature, there are many remarkable utterances which we read with admiration, but which we cannot

use, as we utilize the collects. Such is the passage towards the end of the *Pædagogus* of Clemens Alexandrinus, containing an address to the Logos written in anapæstic verse.

References may also be made to the first sura of the *Koran*, containing a short and noble prayer which every Christian may use. "Praise be to God, the Lord of all creatures, the most merciful. Thee do we worship, and of Thee do we beg assistance. Direct us in the right way, in the way of those to whom Thou hast been gracious, and not of those who go astray." Such a sentence—and it is the most sacred of prayers to the Mahomedan people—may be to us a link of connection with the devotions of a separate race; but if it is placed alongside the collects of Christendom, the range, the completeness, the many-sided fulness of the latter will be apparent. The utterances of the Christian consciousness—which the Church has embodied in her Liturgies—have an adequacy for all times and seasons, and for all sorts and conditions of men women and children, for which we search in vain elsewhere.

For information as to the Ancient Liturgies reference may be made, *inter alia*, to the following:—

1. *Liturgiæ Romana vetus, tria Sacramentaria complectens*, by L. A. Muratori. (1748.)

2. *Origines Liturgicæ*, by William Palmer. (1832.)

3. *The Liturgies of SS. Mark, James, Clement, Chrysostom and Basil, and The Church of Malabar*, by J. M. Neale, and R. F. Littledale. (N.D.)

4. *Ancient Collects, and other Prayers*, by William Bright. (1861.)

5. *Preces Veterum*, collected and edited by John F. France. (1872.)

6. *Old Service Books of the English Church*, by Christopher Wordsworth, and Henry Littlehales. (1904.)

7. *Liturgies, Eastern and Western*, by F. E. Brightman. (1896.)

8. *A History of the Book of Common Prayer*, by Francis Procter. (1855-1889.)

9. *A New History of the Book of Common Prayer, with a rationale of its offices*, revised and rewritten by Walter Howard Frere. (1902.)

10. *Ancient Liturgy of the Church of England*, by W. Maskell. (1844-1882.)

11. *Greek Liturgies*, by C. A. Swainson. (1884.)

12. Also, *Antiquities of the Christian Church*, by J. Bingham. (Several editions.)

13. *The Collects of the Day*, by Edward Meyrick Goulburn. (1883.)

14. *History of the Book of Common Prayer*, by Leighton Pullan. (1900.)

15. *The Workmanship of the Prayer Book in its literary and liturgical aspects*, by John Dowden. (1902.)

It is not supposed that all the collects and prayers in this book will suit everyone, or that they should be used by all alike. Occasional use by those who may find them helpful, is all that can be expected or desired; but those who believe in the Supernatural must recognize the value both of oral worship, and of silent devotion, as a bond of union in families, and as a spiritual tonic for the work of every day.

It will be observed that all the prayers conclude with the words, "through Jesus Christ our Lord." In this connection reference may be made to a remarkable sermon by Mr Allenson Picton on "Prayer in the name of Christ," and to Bishop Jeremy Taylor's remark on the collects,

"They are made energetical and potent by that great endearment *per Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum.*"

Most of the prayers included in Section I. (Subsections A and B), will be found in the three great *Sacramentaries* of Leo, Gelasius, and Gregory the Great, with the Sarum *Missal*, the Paris *Breviary*, the *Confessions* of S. Augustine, the works of the Venerable Bede and of Alexis, the *Meditationes et Orationes* of S. Anselm, the *Preces* of Thomas Aquinas, and a few others. Those in Subsection C, beginning with Thomas à Kempis are more generally known, and easily accessible.

In conclusion, it may be mentioned that the methods of punctuation adopted in some liturgies are so irregular, and the use of capital letters in them so superabundant, that a departure from what is common will be found in this book. If the initial letters of "Thou," and "He," and "Him" have a capital letter—when the divine name or nature are referred to—it does not follow that "thy," "thine," "his," "whom," etc., should also have capitals. Their obtrusive use, besides disfiguring the page, is quite irrelevant.

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION, 1912

THE first edition of *Prayers Ancient and Modern* was issued in the year 1905. It was however preceded, in 1872, by a volume of *Home Prayers*; and, in 1881, by a *Selection* from them in thirty-one services designed for daily use throughout the month. This *Selection*—now slightly recast—and more than doubled in length by the addition of new material, is included in the *Modern Prayers*, which form the third and concluding section of *Prayers Ancient and Modern*.

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SECTION I

ANCIENT, MEDIÆVAL, AND (EARLY) MODERN PRAYERS

SUBSECTION A

COLLECTS FROM THE EARLY LITURGIES

From the Liturgy of S. James.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, whose glory the Heavens are telling, the earth his power, and the sea his might, and whose greatness all feeling and thinking creatures everywhere herald, to Thee belongeth glory, honour, might, greatness, and magnificence, now and for ever, to ages of ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

II.

MASTER almighty, King of glory, who knowest all things before their origin, be thyself present with us who call upon Thee in this holy hour, and ransom us from the shame of our falls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

III.

THOU, who alone art Lord, bless us with every spiritual blessing that cannot be taken away, Thou who dwellest on high, and regardest things that are humble, Thou who dost visit us with loving-kindness, and hast given us boldness to stand before Thee, have mercy upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

IV.

O BENEFICENT King of Ages, accept thy Church approaching Thee through thy Christ, fulfil that which is profitable to each of us; bring all to perfection, and make us worthy of the grace of thy sanctification, gathering us together in thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

V.

O GOD, who hast given to us an entrance to the holy of holies, bless us, and hallow us, as we enter into thy divine and spotless mysteries; give peace also to all blessed souls, with the holy and just, now and ever and to ages of ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

VI.

LORD and giver of life, supplier of all good things, Thou that didst give to man the blessed hope of everlasting life, vouchsafe that in holiness we may acccomplish our divine liturgy to Thee; to the end that, ever guarded by thy might, and conducted to the light of truth, we may send up to Thee glory and thanksgiving, now and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

VII.

LORD almighty, God of our fathers, we beseech Thee to hear us. For the peace that is from above, and the loving kindness of God, and the salvation of our souls, we make our supplication to the Lord. For the peace of the whole world, and the unity of the churches of God, we make our supplication to the Lord. For the succour of all Christ-loving people, we beseech thee to hear us. Save, O Lord, thy people, and bless thine inheritance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

VIII.

SEND forth, O God, thy good grace, and hallow our souls and bodies and spirits. Fill our eyes with incomprehensible light, for Thou art the God of exceeding tender mercy, and to Thee we send up glory in the giving of thanks, now and for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

IX.

O LORD, remember all for good, have pity and be reconciled unto all, give peace to the multitude who are thine, dissipate scandals, put an end to wars. Give us thy peace and love, O God, Thou that art the succourer of all the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. James.

X.

O GOD, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose name is great, whose nature is blissful, whose goodness is inexhaustible, ruler of all things, who art blessed for evermore, sanctify our souls and bodies we beseech Thee. Cast out from us every evil thought, every base desire, all envy and pride, all wrath and anger, all worldly ambitions, covetousness, vain-glory, and sloth, more especially the remembrance of injuries, and everything that is contrary to thy holy will. And grant unto us, O lover of men, with pure hearts and contrite souls to call upon Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Mark.

WE give Thee thanks, O Lord our God, for thy goodness at all times and in all places; because Thou hast shielded, rescued, helped, and guided us all the days of our lives, and brought us unto this hour. We pray and beseech Thee, merciful God, of thy goodness to grant that we may spend this day without sin, and in joyous reverence of Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Coptic Liturgy of S. Mark.

I.

MASTER and Lord, God the almighty, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray and beseech Thee to send the peace which is from Heaven into the hearts of all of us, and grant us also the peace of this world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Coptic Liturgy of S. Mark.

II.

WE yield Thee thanks, we yield Thee exceeding thanks, O Lord our God, us touching all things, and for all things, through all things, and in all things; for that Thou hast sheltered us, succoured us, kept us, and brought us to this hour. If we have at all sinned against Thee, in thought or word or deed, do Thou, O lover of men, vouchsafe to overlook it; and forsake not us, O God, who put our trust in Thee, nor lead us into temptation; but deliver us from the evil one, and from his works, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Coptic Liturgy of S. Mark.

III.

WE pray and beseech Thee, O good God, lover of men, remember thy Church which is from one end of the earth to the other end thereof; bless all peoples and all lands. O King of peace, grant unto us thy peace, for Thou hast given us all things. Possess us, O God, for beside Thee we know none other. We are called by thy name; quicken our souls, for Thou art our God. It is Thou that loosest them that are bound, and raisest up them that are cast down. Thou art the hope of the hopeless, the help of the helpless, the comfort of the weak-hearted, the harbour of the tempest-tost. To every soul that is in affliction, and is oppressed, give rest refreshment and help. O physician of souls and bodies, overseer of all flesh, visit us with thy salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Coptic Liturgy of S. Mark.

IV.

WE pray and beseech Thee, O good God and lover of men, to send down the very Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, holy and life-giving, who spake in the Law and by the Prophets and Apostles, who is everywhere present, who fillest all things, and workest by his own free will. And this we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Coptic Liturgy of S. Mark.

V.

O LORD of knowledge, and dispenser of wisdom, who discoverest deep things out of darkness, O lover of men, bestow on us a mind without distraction, and a purified understanding, that we may know how profitable are thy holy teachings, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Coptic Liturgy of S. Mark.

VI.

IT is meet and right, it is expedient for our souls and bodies, eternal Master, Lord God the Father almighty, at all times and in all places, to praise Thee, to hymn Thee, to bless Thee, to serve Thee, to adore Thee, to give thanks to Thee, to glorify Thee, to confess to Thee, with un-silenced heart and unwearied doxologies. Thou art He who hast made the Heavens and the things that are in the Heavens, the earth and all things that are therein. Thou art He who hast made man after thine own image, and made all things through thy wisdom. For these things we give thanks from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, and from the north to the south, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Coptic Liturgy of S. Mark.

VII.

WE pray and beseech Thee of thy goodness, O lover of men, grant us thy mercy, and loose the bonds of our sins. If we have done aught amiss, wittingly or unwittingly—whether in word, or in deed, or from faint-heartedness—do Thou, who knowest the feebleness of men, as a good God bestow on us the forgiveness of our sins. Bless us, purify us, absolve us, and direct us into thy holy will; for Thou art our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Adapted from the Coptic Liturgy of S. Mark.

VIII.

O GOD, who art above every principle and power, every dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come, at all times all things praise Thee; receive our hallowing also, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of the Coptic Jacobites.

O ETERNAL GOD, the first and the last, without beginning and without end, who art and who wilt be in all things, abide with us at this hour we beseech Thee, and purify us from all sins voluntary or involuntary, committed knowingly or unknowingly; and make us to enter within the veil, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Liturgy of S. Ignatius (Syro-Jacobite).

RECEIVE, O Lord, in tranquillity and peace, the souls of thy servants, who, out of this present life, have departed unto Thee. Grant them rest, and place them in the habitations of light, the abodes of blessed spirits. Give them the life that knoweth not age, good things that pass not away, and the delights that have no end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Liturgy of S. Mark (Syro-Jacobite).

REMEMBER those who have sought our prayers, and all who have communicated to the necessities of the poor. We beseech Thee, Lord God of the holy fathers, and of all the company of the just and pious, that Thou wouldest give rest to those who have left us, and departed to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Liturgy of the Syrian Jacobites.

I.

PARDON, O God, our offences, done voluntarily or involuntarily, wittingly or unwittingly, by word or deed or in thought, forgive those that are hidden and those that are manifest, those that were done long ago, those which are known, and those which are forgotten but are known unto Thee. Forgive us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of the Syrian Jacobites.

II.

VOUCHSAFE to us, O Lord God, that having our hearts sprinkled, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the holy of holies, to stand before thine altar high and exalted, and to present unto Thee a reasonable and spiritual sacrifice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of the Abyssinian Jacobites.

I.

O ETERNAL God, the first and the last, who hast neither beginning nor end, who art great in counsel, mighty in work and wise in purpose, who art in all things; we pray Thee, O Lord, and beseech Thee, to be with us at this hour. Make thy face to shine upon us, and abide in the midst of us. Purify our hearts, sanctify our souls, and remit the sins which we have done, with our will or without our will; enabling us to present unto Thee a pure oblation, a reasonable offering, and spiritual incense, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of the Abyssinian Jacobites.

II.

ETERNAL Lord, who knowest what is hidden and what is manifest, we bow down our heads before Thee; and unto Thee do we submit the hardness of our hearts, and flesh. Behold us from Heaven, thy dwelling place; bless us, men and women; incline thine ear, and hearken to our prayer; stablish us with the strength of thy right hand, protect and succour us from evil; be a guardian, both to our bodies and our souls; and increase in us true faith in Thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Jacobite Liturgy of S. Dionysius.

O GOD our Father, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness and peace, blessed above all blessedness, and wise beyond all wisdom, do Thou remove the differences that divide us from each other, and bring us into such unity with Thee that our lives may bear some likeness to thine own. Grant that our souls which flow from thine may be so inspired that they may be increasingly one with Thee, in the peace that passeth understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of the Coptic Jacobites.

LET us give thanks unto the doer of good, and the merciful God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; for He hath sheltered us, He hath succoured us, He hath kept us, He hath redeemed us unto Himself, He hath spared us, He hath helped us, He hath brought us to this hour. Let us therefore pray him that He keep us this day, and all the days of our life, in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of the Armenian Jacobites.

REMEMBER, O Lord, those who have asked remembrances in our prayers. Give rest to them that have fallen asleep before us, and heal them that are sick; for Thou art the life, and the hope, and the raiser up of us all; that so to Thee we may send up thanksgiving into highest Heaven, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Gregory of Armenia.

MINGLE, O Lord, our humanity with thy divinity, thy greatness with our humility, and our humility with thy greatness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Armenian Liturgy.

REMEMBER, Lord, and have mercy, and be propitious to the souls of the departed, and give them repose and life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Liturgy of the Armenians.

O LORD our God, save thy people and bless thine inheritance, guard the fulness of thy Church; sanctify those who in love come to greet the beauty of thy house; glorify us, O Lord, by thy divine power, and forsake not those who put their trust in Thee; for thine is the power, and the dominion, and the glory, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Clement.

I.

IT is meet and right before all things to sing praises to Thee, the true God from everlasting, of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named, the same yesterday to-day and for ever. At thy word all things started into being; for Thou art eternal knowledge, sight before all objects, hearing before all sounds, wisdom without instruction, the first in nature, the law of being. . . . Thou hast established the firmament, and prepared the night and the day, bringing light out of thy treasury, and darkness to overshadow it, that under its covert the living creatures of this world might take their repose. Thou hast appointed the sun to rule the day, and the moon to govern the night. . . . Lord and master, God almighty, Father of Christ thy blessed Son, who art ready to hear them that with uprightness call upon Thee, who also knowest the petitions of them that are silent, we yield Thee thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to us to receive thy holy mysteries, for the preservation of godliness, for the remission of sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Clement.

II.

GOD, the almighty, the true and incomparable, who art ever existent and all-present, who art not circumscribed by place, who growest not old by time, who art not limited by ages, who art not led aside by words, who art incapable of turning, who art immutable by nature, who inhabitest the light which no man can approach unto, who art apprehensible by all rational natures that seek Thee, grant unto us the desires of our hearts so far as may be expedient for us; for in Thee is glory, laud, magnificence, worship, adoration, now and ever, and to ages and ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Clement.

III.

LORD Almighty, God of our fathers, we pray Thee to hear and have mercy upon us. . . . It is meet and right to hymn Thee, to praise Thee, to give thanks to Thee, in every part of thy dominions, for Thou art God, ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, the same from everlasting to everlasting. To Thee, O Lord and lover of men, we commend in pledge all our life, and our hope. . . .

Glory be to God for all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Chrysostom.

I.

LORD our God, of boundless might, and incomprehensible glory, of measureless compassion, and ineffable love to man, look down, O Lord, according to thy tender love on us, and show to us the riches of thy mercy and compassion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Chrysostom.

II.

THOU who hast given us grace, at this time with one accord, to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Liturgy of Michael of Antioch.

O GOD, the maker and builder of our nature, who only art to be adored, who knowest all things, and desirest the life and salvation of all, give to us by thy mercy good memory, and the remission of our transgressions. Grant also forgiveness of sins to our fathers, our masters, and all the sons of thy Church who drank of old time the cup of death. Visit them, O Lord, and console them in the habitations where they rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of Malabar.

I.

NIGHT and day, O Lord, and all the days of our life, we ask for eternal peace to thy Church. . . . Grant also that the eyes which have seen thy great love may also behold thy blessed hope, that those who have sung the *Holy holy, holy* may speak the truth, that the feet which have entered thy Church may walk in the regions of light. To us who adore Thee let thine aids be multiplied; and let thy great love remain with us, that we may manifest thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of Malabar.

II.

GLORY be to God for his unspeakable gifts. It is meet, just and right, O Lord, that at all times and days and hours we should laud, adore, and praise Thee, should worship and glorify thy majesty; since by thy grace and love Thou hast vouchsafed to the weak nature of the sons of men, along with blessed spirits, to hallow thy name, and hast given us to partake of the gift of thy mysteries, to be delighted with thy words which give life and are divine, and always to offer praise to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Liturgy of Basil the Great.

I.

MASTER of all things, Lord of Heaven and earth, and of every creature visible and invisible, who sittest upon the throne of glory, and beholdest the abysses, unbeginning, invisible, incomprehensible, uncircumscribed, unchangeable Father, Thou spakest unto us by the mouth of thy servants the prophets, Thou gavest the law for an help. And, when the fulness of the times was come, Thou spakest unto us in thy Son, who—being the brightness of thy glory, and the express image of thy person—was seen upon earth, and mingled with men, taking the form of a servant, made like unto the body of our humility, that he might make us like unto the image of his glory. . . . We hymn Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of Basil the Great.

II.

O LORD and God, who hast made all things through thy word, who hast made man the lord of all creatures, and who hast made us to enter into holy mysteries by thy truth, grant us the wisdom that dwelleth in thy treasury, create in us clean hearts, forgive our sins and sanctify our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Gregory.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the brightness of faithful souls, fill the world with thy glory, we pray Thee; and show Thyself, by the radiance of thy light, to all the nations of the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of S. Gregory.

II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God to whom nothing is dark, nothing is obscure, send forth, we pray Thee, thy light into our hearts, that we may perceive the brightness of thy commandments; and, walking in thy way, may fall into no error, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Liturgy of the Nestorians.

MAKE thy tranquillity, O Lord, to dwell amongst us, and thy peace to abide in our hearts. May our voices proclaim thy truth, and may thy cross be the guardian of our souls. Account us worthy, O Lord, with the boldness which is of Thee, to offer unto Thee of thy grace a pure and holy prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUBSECTION B

COLLECTS FROM THE FATHERS AND MEDIÆVALISTS

From S. Augustine.
(354-430.)

I.

O THOU who fillest Heaven and Earth, ever acting, ever at rest, Thou who art everywhere, and everywhere wholly present, who art not absent even when far off, who with thy whole being fillest yet transcendest all things, Thou who teachest the hearts of the faithful without the din of words, teach us we pray Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Augustine.

II.

O GOD our true and highest life, by whom, through whom, and in whom all things live which live truly and blessedly; by whom, through whom, and in whom all good things are good and lovely; mercifully grant that thy life may be in ours for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Augustine.

III.

O GOD, light of the minds that see Thee, life of the souls that love Thee, and strength of the thoughts that seek Thee, enlarge our minds and raise the vision of our hearts, that with swift wings of thought our spirits may reach Thee the eternal wisdom, who art from everlasting to everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Augustine.

IV.

O GOD, from whom to turn away is to fall, to whom to turn is to rise, and in whom to abide is to stand fast for ever, guard us we pray Thee now and always, here and everywhere, within and without, above beneath and on every side, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Augustine.

V.

O THOU Good omnipotent, who so carest for every one of us, as if Thou caredst for him alone; and so for all, as if all were but one, we behold how some things pass away that others may replace them; but Thou dost never depart, O God, our Father supremely good, Beauty of all things beautiful. To Thee will we intrust whatsoever we have received from Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Augustine.

VI.

O THOU, in whom all things live, who commandest us to seek Thee, and art ready to be found, to know Thee is life, to serve Thee is freedom, to praise Thee is the joy of the soul. We bless and adore Thee, we worship, we glorify, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory. Maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible, keep, we beseech Thee, the work of thine own hands, now and at all times, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Augustine.

VII.

O THOU wonderful and mighty God, whose power and wisdom hath no end, Thou art our Father, and we will love and worship Thee for ever and ever.

A ray from thy light hath shone into our inward eye; guide us onward to the perfect light, that it may illumine us wholly. Let thy love so stir within our hearts that we may discern Thee clearly, for it is the pure in heart who see Thee. Thou hast set us free, Thou hast drawn us to Thee; therefore guide and perfect us for thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Augustine.

VIII.

O ETERNAL Truth, and true Charity, and blessed Eternity, Almighty God whom to know is to live, whom to serve is to reign, whom to praise is the safety and joy of the soul, in Thee would we live and move and have our being, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Augustine.

IX.

MOST merciful Father and Lord, although we sin we cannot cease to be thy children; because Thou hast made, and remade us, we humbly beseech Thee not to act toward us according to our transgressions, but according to that mercy of thine which transcends the sins of the whole world. Our hearts are open to Thee. Scatter their darkness, fill them with the brightness of thy love; and make us now and alway temples fit for Thee to dwell in, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From S. Augustine.

X.

WE return unto Thee, O Lord, that from their wanderings and weariness, our souls may rise towards Thee; leaning on the things which Thou hast created, and passing from them onwards to Thyself, who hast made them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Alcuin.
(735-804.)

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, the fountain of all goodness, who knowest the thoughts of our hearts, we confess that we have transgressed against Thee. Wash us, we beseech Thee, from the stains of our past sins, and give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things; so that we may bring forth fruits meet for repentance.

O eternal Light, shine into our hearts; eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; eternal Power, be Thou our support; eternal Wisdom, scatter our ignorance; eternal Pity, have mercy upon us. Grant that with all our heart, and mind, and strength, we may evermore seek thy face; and finally bring us, by thine infinite mercy, to thy holy presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Alcuin.

II.

BESTOW on us, O Lord, the spirit of devotion, that we may inquire after Thee with the whole bent of our hearts. Free us from our past sins, guard us from present, and protect us from future ones. Grant that we may follow the things that make for peace. Give us discernment in all things, that we may rightly distinguish between good and evil. Pour into our hearts the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of council and might, of knowledge and of piety. Eternal Light illumine us, eternal Power emancipate us, eternal Courage strengthen us, eternal Wisdom dispel our darkness, eternal Pity have compassion on us; and grant, O God, that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek thy face for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From John Scotus Erigena.
(818-890.)

O THOU, who art the everlasting essence of things, beyond space and time, and yet within them; Thou who transcendest yet pervadest all things, manifest thyself unto us, feeling after Thee, and seeking Thee in the shades of ignorance. Stretch forth thy hand to help us, who cannot without Thee come to Thee; and reveal thyself unto us, who seek nothing beside Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Anselm.
(1033-1109.)

I.

O THOU Love that art the bond of the Godhead, most merciful consoler of them that mourn, do Thou enter by thy mighty power into the innermost sanctuary of our hearts, and of thy goodness dwell therein, making its neglected corners glad with the brightness of thy light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Anselm.

II.

O GOOD Lord, thy servants entreat Thee for their fellow-servants, that they may be reconciled to Thee for thy sake. Our inmost hearts desire that they should love Thee and one another, according to thy will, as is expedient for us all; so that we may together satisfy our common Master, by the teaching of charity for the common good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Anselm.

III.

O GOD, who art life, wisdom, truth, bounty, and blessedness, the eternal, the only true good, our God and our Lord, who art our hope and our heart's joy, we acknowledge, with thanksgiving, that Thou hast made us in thine image, and that we may direct our thoughts to Thee. Lord, make us to know Thee aright, that we may love, enjoy and possess Thee more and more, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From S. Anselm.

IV.

WE give Thee thanks, O our God, our mercy, who hast vouchsafed to lead us to a conception of Thee, that in thine unbounded goodness Thou hast patience with us, waiting for the amendment of our lives.

We praise Thee that Thou hast vouchsafed to grant us a quiet life, with the love and charity of thy servants. Holy of holies, who makest all things holy, we worship and give thanks unto Thee. Let us bless Thee in all the actions of our lives; and let our whole natures, within and without, glorify Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Anselm.

V.

WE beseech Thee, O our God, that we may know Thee, love Thee, and rejoice in Thee; and if in this life we cannot do these things fully, grant that we may progress in them from day to day. Advance in us a true knowledge of Thee now, that in the life to come it may be complete: increase in us the love of Thee here, that there it may be full, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Bernard.
(1091-1153.)

HELP us, O Lord our God, since we cannot flee from the body nor the body from us. We must needs carry it about, because it is bound up with us. We cannot destroy it, we are forced to preserve it; but the world surrounds us, and assails us through the five gateways of sense. Alas! everywhere we are in conflict, everywhere darts fly against us, everywhere there are temptations and snares. Deliver us from our enemies, we beseech Thee: and defend us from all dangers to soul and body, that at length we may come to thine eternal rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Thomas Aquinas.
(1225-1274.)

I.

OMNIPOTENT and most merciful God, grant that we may diligently seek, ardently desire, prudently examine, truly know, and perfectly accomplish those things which are pleasing unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From S. Thomas Aquinas.

II.

MAKE us, O Lord, to be humble without feigning, true without duplicity, afraid of Thee without despair, hopeful without presumption, loving without dissimulation, and patient without murmuring. Bestow on us intelligence to know Thee, diligence to seek Thee, wisdom to find Thee, a conversation pleasing unto Thee, and perseverance to expect Thee confidently, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From S. Thomas Aquinas.

III.

GRANT us, we beseech Thee, almighty and most merciful God, fervently to desire, wisely to search out, and perfectly to fulfil, all that is well-pleasing unto Thee. Order Thou our worldly condition to the glory of thy name; and of all that Thou requirest us to do grant us the knowledge, the desire, and the ability, that we may fulfil it as we ought; and that our path to Thee may be safe; straightforward, and perfect to the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Thomas Aquinas.

IV.

BESTOW upon us, O Lord our God, understanding to know Thee, diligence to seek Thee, wisdom to find Thee, and a faithfulness that may finally rest in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Rituale Grecorum.

O LORD, who hast bidden the light to shine out of darkness, accept in thine endless mercy our worship and thanksgiving. Make us to be children of the light, and of the day, and grant all such requests as may be wholesome for us. Remember, O Lord, thy whole Church, all our brethren by land or sea, or wherever they now are in thy vast kingdom, who stand in need of thy succour. Pour upon them the riches of thy mercy, that they may ever praise thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Roman Breviary.

I.

O LORD, we beseech Thee that we may grow forever in love toward Thee, and may be so schooled by holy works, that as Thou dost pour thy gifts upon us, we may walk before Thee in such things as are well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Roman Breviary.

II.

O GOD, who art Thyself the exceeding great reward of all faithful souls, grant unto us to advance daily to the utmost of our power in godliness, so that we, seeking ever that which is more perfect, may attain unto thine everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From the Roman Breviary.

III.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, grant that our wills may be ever meekly subject unto thine, and our hearts ever honestly ready to serve Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Sarum Breviary.

I.

O GOD, who through the grace to thy Holy Spirit, dost pour the gift of love into the hearts of thy faithful people, grant unto us health, both of mind and body, that we may love Thee with our whole heart, and perform those things which are pleasing unto Thee, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Sarum Breviary.

II.

O GOD of surpassing goodness, whom the round world with one voice doth praise for thy benignity, we pray Thee to remove from us all error, that so we may perform thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From the Sarum Breviary.

III.

ALMIGHTY God, we invoke Thee, the fountain of everlasting light. We entreat Thee to send forth thy truth into our hearts, and to pour upon us the glory of thy brightness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Archbishop Thomas Bradwardine.
(1290-1349.)

THYSELF, O God, we love for Thyself above all things. Thyself we desire as a final end, and always in all things seek, with our whole heart and strength, and with continual labour. If we do not find Thee, we find nothing. Grant therefore that in the present life we may ever love Thee for Thyself above all things, and that in the world to come we may find Thee and know Thee for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Raymond Jordanus.
(*fl. in the Fourteenth Century.*)

O MOST blessed Lord, deign to help us, and of thy great mercy abolish our sins: detach our minds from earthly things, and raise them to the love of heavenly riches. Most mericiful God, who dost favour all true love, do Thou so aid and direct us that we may love Thee above all things; and recognising thine infinite benefits, may keep them in memory, and give Thee everlasting thanks for them. Finally grant that ours may be the blessed life, which shall enjoy thy love for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Ludovicus Granatensis.
(1505-1588.)

WE confess, O Lord, that we are not worthy to be called thy children, although we know that Thou art our father. Thou art verily our hope, the fountain of mercy, who dost not reject the sinful souls who come to Thee, but receivest them, cleansest them, and refittest them for thy service. Behold us, therefore, O our helper. The poorest of us come to Thee, bringing nothing but the burden of our sins. Pardon us, we pray Thee, O our hope, and save us in thine infinite clemency, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUBSECTION C

COLLECTS FROM SOME EARLY MODERN WRITERS

From Thomas à Kempis. (1380-1471.)

I.

O LORD God, holy Father, be Thou blessed both now and for evermore; because, as Thou willest so it is done, and that which Thou doest is good. Let thy servants rejoice in Thee, not in themselves, nor in anything else, for Thou alone art the true gladness. Thou art our hope, and our crown; Thou art our joy, and our honour, O Lord. What have thy servants but what they have received from Thee? If Thou givest peace, the souls of thy servants are full of melody; but, if Thou withdrawest Thyself, meet and right it is that thy servants should suffer, and in the sight of men should fail, that they may rise again with Thee in the dawn of a new light, through Jesus Christ their Lord. *Amen.*

From Thomas à Kempis.

II.

O MOST merciful Lord, grant to us thy grace, that it may labour and persevere with us to the end. Grant that we may always desire, and will, that which is most acceptable to Thee. Let thy will be ours, and may our wills ever follow thine. Grant to us, above all things that can be desired, to rest in Thee, who art the true peace of the heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Thomas à Kempis.

III.

O GOD, if only our wills be right towards thine, do to us whatsoever it may please Thee. If it be thy will that we should be in light, be Thou blessed; if it be thy will that we should be in darkness, be Thou also blessed; if Thou vouchsafe to comfort us, be Thou blessed; if Thou afflictest us, be Thou also blessed. We cheerfully receive whatsoever Thou dost appoint, and for all that befalleth us we give thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Thomas à Kempis.

(1379-1471.)

IV.

GRANT to us, O Lord, to know that which is worth knowing, to love that which is worth loving, to praise that which pleaseth Thee most, to esteem that which is most precious unto Thee, and to dislike whatsoever is evil in thine eyes. Grant us with true judgment to distinguish things that differ, and above all to search out, and to do what is well-pleasing unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From Thomas à Kempis.

V.

SINCE nothing is permanent under the sun, where is so much vanity and vexation of spirit, grant to us, O Lord, thy heavenly wisdom, that above all things we may learn how to seek and find Thee, to know Thee and to hold fast that knowledge; and to be wise in all other things, according to the arrangements of thy wisdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From Thomas à Kempis.

VI.

O THOU holy lover of souls, when Thou comest into our hearts all that is within us rejoiceth. Thou art our glory and the uplifting of our hearts. Love is born of Thee, and cannot rest but in Thee. Love feels no burden. It attempts what is above its strength, and is able to undertake all things. It watcheth; and sleeping, slumbereth not; when weary, it is not tired; when straitened, it it not constrained; when frightened, it is not disturbed; but like a living flame it mounteth upward, and securely passeth through all. Whosoever loveth knoweth the cry of this voice. Let us therefore love Thee, O Lord, more than ourselves, nor love ourselves but for Thee; and in Thee, all that truly love Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Thomas à Kempis.

VII.

O LORD God, holy Father, who art blessed now and for ever, as Thou willest so it is done, and all that Thou doest is good. Thy servants rejoice in Thee, not in anything else; not in themselves, because Thou Lord alone art true gladness. Thou art our hope and crown, our joy and honour. What do thy servants possess but what they have received from Thee, without merit of their own, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Thomas Becon.

(1511-1567.)

GRANT, O heavenly Father, that we may so faithfully believe in Thee, and so fervently love one another, living alway in obedience to thy blessed will, that we, being fruitful in all good works, may lead our lives according to thy blessed will in this transitory world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Bishop Jeremy Taylor.
(1613-1667.)

I.

GIVE unto us, O God, we beseech Thee, an unreprovable faith, a humble hope, and a never failing charity. Grant unto us true humility, a meek and quiet spirit, a loving friendly and useful conversation, the denying of ourselves, and the bearing of the burdens of our neighbours. Grant us the blessedness of doing good. May we be strong in purpose, diligent in duty, slow to anger, and ready for every good work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Jeremy Taylor.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, who fillest all things with thy presence, and art a God afar off as well as nigh, preserve us by thy favour and blessing, that we may serve Thee in thankfulness and obedience all the days of our pilgrimage; and bring us at last to dwell in thy house for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Jeremy Taylor.

III.

TAKE from us, O God, all tediousness of spirit, all importance and unquietness. Let us possess ourselves in patience, and resign our souls and bodies into thy hands, though Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

From Jeremy Taylor.

IV.

O LORD, our God, the fountain of all true and holy love, who hast made us, and preserved us, that we may love Thee, give to thy servants such a love, that whatsoever in thy service may happen contrary to flesh and blood, they may not feel it; that humility may be their sanctuary, and thy service the joy of their souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Jeremy Taylor.

V.

MOST glorious God! relieve our spirits with thy graciousness; take from us all tediousness of spirit, and give us a hope that shall not fail, a desire for holiness not to be satisfied till it possesses a charity like thine own, which will always increase; that so we may turn everything into religion, and do all to thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Jeremy Taylor.

VI.

O ALMIGHTY God, give to thy servants meek and gentle spirits, that they may be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. Give them wise and constant hearts, that they may never be moved to intemperate anger for any injury done or offered to them. Lord, let us ever be courteous, easy to be entreated, and desirous to be reconciled. Let no sickness or accident, no employment or weariness, make us ungentle or discontented, unthankful or uneasy to those who minister to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Jeremy Taylor.

VII.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast sent us into this world to live according to thy laws, look in mercy upon us, we beseech Thee; and enable us to do our duty wisely hour by hour. Grant that having served our generation, we may be gathered to our fathers with the comfort of a reasonable hope in Thee, and in perfect charity with all men; so that neither life nor death, nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature may be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

From Bishop Lancelot Andrewes, translated by Cardinal Newman.

(1555-1626.)

I.

O GOD, we have sinned against Thee. The good that we would, we do not, the evil that we would not, we do. Yet we consent unto the law that it is good; we delight in it, after the inward man. One thing we desire of Thee, that we may dwell in thy house all the days of our life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple. Remove far from us vanity and lies. Give us neither poverty nor riches, feed us with food convenient for us. Let us learn in whatsoever state we are, therewith to be content, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Lancelot Andrewes, translated by Cardinal Newman.

II.

WE make our prayer unto the God of our life. So long as we live will we magnify Thee, and lift up our hands in thy name. Let our prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense. Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, the God of our fathers, who hast created the changes of day and night. Deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us after our iniquities; and look mercifully upon our infirmities, for the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Lancelot Andrewes, translated by Cardinal Newman.

III.

O GUARDIAN of men, remember all our race; Lord both of the dead and of the living, have mercy upon all. King of nations unto the ends of the earth, expectation of the isles and their hope, bless all thy children everywhere, that they may advance in wisdom, and in favour with Thee and with men. How excellent is thy mercy, O God, shew us the light of thy countenance, and give us peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Lancelot Andrewes, translated by Cardinal Newman.

IV.

O GOD, we have sinned much, and grievously. We have perverted that which is right, and it hath profited us not. We conceal nothing, we make no excuse. Cleanse us from our secret faults, and keep us from presumptuous sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Lancelot Andrewes, translated by Cardinal Newman.

V.

EARLY in the morning, O Lord, will we direct our prayer unto Thee, and will look up. Blessed art Thou who didst create the heavens and the heavenly powers.

We confess our sins, and the sins of our forefathers: for we have all transgressed, and neglected Thee. But set not, O God, our misdeeds before us, nor our past life in the light of thy countenance. Truly our hope is in Thee; in Thee have we trusted, let us never be confounded. We pray for the whole race of mankind, for the supply of what is wanting unto each, and for succour and comfort unto all. And for thy whole creation do we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Lancelot Andrewes, translated by Cardinal Newman.

VI.

THROUGH the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high hath visited us. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, creator of the light, enlightener of the world, source of the light invisible. We see Thee in the writings of the Law, in the oracles of the Prophets, in the music of the Psalms, in the instruction of the Proverbs, in the experience of Histories—a light that never sets. God is the Lord who hath shewed us light. We beseech Thee to perfect us in every good work to do thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Lancelot Andrewes, translated by Cardinal Newman.

VII.

O THOU, who doest all things whereby to bring our race to Thee, that it may partake of thy divine nature and eternal glory, blessed be thy name, O Lord, its record and its meaning, and every memorial of it, both now and for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Lancelot Andrewes, translated by Cardinal Newman.

VIII.

BLESSED be Thou, O Lord God, the God of our fathers, who lightenest the face of the earth, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise Thee. We laid us down and slept, and rose up again, for Thou sustained us. Grant us to be children of the light, and of the day; vouchsafe to keep us without sin. One day telleth another, and one night certifieth another. Let us hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, for in Thee is our trust. Shew us the way in which we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto Thee. Teach us to do the things that please Thee, for Thou art the Lord our God; and let thy good Spirit lead us into the land of uprightness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Bishop Thomas Wilson.
(1663-1755.)

I.

GRANT, gracious Father, that we may never dispute the reasonableness of of thy will, but ever assent to it, as the best that can happen. Prepare us always for what thy Providence may bring forth. Let us never murmur, be dejected, or impatient, under any of the troubles of this life, but ever find rest and comfort in this, that they are the will of our father. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

From Thomas Wilson.

II.

O GOD, who art of great kindness, remove far from us all occasions and effects of anger. Give us mild, peaceable, meek, and humble spirits, that, remembering our own infirmities, we may bear with those of others; that we may think lowlily of ourselves, and not be angry when others also think lowlily of us; that we may be patient towards all men, gentle and easy to be entreated; as God is so to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Edward Bouverie Pusey.

(1800-1882.)

I.

O GOD, we remember all who have departed in thy peace. Make them to rest in the land of the living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From E. B. Pusey.

II.

O GOD, who alone hast in Thyself all good, we would not choose the least thing that is contrary to thy will. We would be, only and for ever, that which Thou willest. Guide us, we beseech Thee, in thy way of peace and love. Grant that those who seek Thee now may seek Thee more hereafter; and that we all may find Thee, and love Thee with an everlasting love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From E. B. Pusey.

III.

ENLARGE our hearts, O God, that we may love Thee more and more, kindle our souls that we may praise Thee, order our thoughts, words, and deeds, within and without, that we may be wholly thine, and may serve, praise and glorify Thee, for ever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From E. B. Pusey.

IV.

O GOD, let us not seek beyond Thee what we can find only in Thee, peace and rest, joy and blessedness. Lift our souls above the round of harassing thoughts to the eternal Presence, the pure bright atmosphere in which Thou art, that there we may breathe freely, there be at rest from ourselves, and from all things that weary us; and thence return, with thy peace within us, to do and to bear whatsoever pleaseth Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

John Henry Cardinal Newman.

(1801-1890.)

TEACH us, O Lord; and take us out of the languor, the irritability, the sensitiveness, the anarchy, in which our souls lie, and fill them with thy fulness. Breathe on us with that breath which infuses energy and kindles fervor. In asking for fervor, we ask for all that we can need, and all that Thou canst give. In asking for fervor, we ask for faith, hope, and charity, in their most heavenly exercise; we ask for sanctity, peace, and joy, all at once. Lord, in asking for fervor, we ask for Thyself, for nothing short of Thee, O our God. Enter our hearts, and fill them with fervor by filling them with Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From John S. B. Monsell.
(1811-1875.)

O THOU, with whom is the fountain of life, and without whom we can do nothing; whose grace is sufficient for us, and whose strength is made perfect in weakness; inspire us evermore by the fulness of thy life, that we, keeping thy commandments, may abide in thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Rowland Williams.
(1818-1870.)

LORD, who knowest all things, and lovest all men better than they know, as our fathers called upon Thee, and were holpen; so, in all times of need deliver us, good Lord. From all perplexity of mind, from loneliness of thought and discontented brooding, from wondering what Thou wouldst have us to do, deliver us good Lord. From all the things that separate us from each other and from Thee, from the evils we have prayed against, and from all we have not thought of, deliver us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Thomas Arnold.

(1795-1842.)

I.

O LORD, give thy blessing, we pray Thee, to our daily work. All our powers of body and mind are thine, and we would fain devote them to thy service. Do Thou, O Lord, so bless our efforts that they may bring forth in us the fruits of true wisdom. Teach us to seek after truth, and enable us to gain it; but grant that we may ever speak the truth in love; that, while we know earthly things, we may know Thee, and be known by Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Thomas Arnold.

II.

O GRACIOUS Father, keep the thought of Thyself present to us, and keep alive in us a spirit of love and meekness to all men, that we may be at once gentle and active and firm. Perfect and bless the work of thy Spirit in the hearts of all thy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From George Dawson.
(1821-1876.)

I.

ALMIGHTY God, maker of heaven and earth, giver of light and life, we beseech Thee so to teach us those things which belong to thy heavenly kingdom, and those duties which are of the earth, that we may be enabled faithfully to do the work committed to us, looking ever unto Thee for light and life; that so, being lifted above ourselves, the life of God in the soul of man may be ours, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From George Dawson.

II.

O LORD our God, let us not lose ourselves in the life we share with all things. Grant us that peace which passeth understanding, the peace of God who seest the end from the beginning, who possessest the secrets which escape us, who trouble our hearts about the things of which we know so little, those things whose results—because they are unknown —so often cause us to fear. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION II

THE ANGLICAN COLLECTS

In this section the sources whence the Anglican Collects which have been selected is indicated in italics.

I.

From the Sarum Breviary.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

From Cranmer.

O LORD who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

From the Sacramentary of Alcuin.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V.

From the Sacramentary of Leo.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VI.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VII.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom, defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VIII.

From the Sacramentary of Leo.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IX.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

X.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XI.

From the Sacramentary of Leo.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XII.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, O heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XIII.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O LORD, we beseech thee to keep thy Church, and household, continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

XIV.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful; and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XV.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XVI.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

WE beseech thee, almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XVII.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness, we beseech thee to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XVIII.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XIX.

From the Coptic Litany of S. Basil.

ALMIGHTY God, father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XX.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

WE beseech thee, almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty, to be our defence against all other enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXI.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XII.

From Cranmer.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXIII.

From the Sarum Breviary.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXIV.

From S. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXV.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of thy grace; that in keeping of thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXVI.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O LORD God, we praise and glorify thy holy name for this thy mercy, and will always declare thy loving-kindness from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXVII.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXVIII.

From Cranmer, and others.

O ALMIGHTY God, grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

XXIX.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXX.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXI.

From the first Prayer-Book of Edward VI.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

XXXII.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXIII.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXIV.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXV.

From the Prayer-Book of 1549.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with thy heavenly doctrine; give us grace, that—being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine—we may be established in the truth of thy holy gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXVI.

From the Sarum Missal.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, strengthen us, we beseech thee, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of thy holy fear, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXVII.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXVIII.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XXXIX.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XL.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

XLI.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XLII.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church; that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XLIII.

From the Sacramentary of Leo.

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness, grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XLIV.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XLV.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XLVI.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

XLVII.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

XLVIII.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come, grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

XLIX.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

L.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LI.

From the Sacramentary of Leo.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LII.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LIII.

From Bishop Gunning (1662).

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LIV.

From King Edward's Prayer-Book.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LV.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LVI.

From the Sacramentary of Leo.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful: that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LVII.

From the Sarum Breviary.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant that, in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LVIII.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

LORD, we pray Thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LIX.

From the Gregorian Sacramentary.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LX.

From the Gelasian Sacramentary.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LXI.

From King Edward's First Prayer-Book.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LXII.

From the Litany of Alexandria.

WITH angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying, holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LXIII.

From Cranmer.

(1498-1556.)

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LXIV.

From Cranmer.

ALMIGHTY God who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name, we beseech Thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION III

MODERN PRAYERS

FIRST SERVICE.

I.

O GOD, in whom we have our being, who in thy light hast revealed thyself unto us, but whom in our darkness we cannot comprehend, grant that we may think worthily of Thee as we ought to think, and may renew thine image in us, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast made thy children to be one in the knowledge of thyself, grant that they may also be joined together in unity of spirit, and of holy desire, that they may serve Thee in quiet freedom; and that, in their whole spirit soul and body, they may be temples fit for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who hast ordained that our life on this earth shall be a struggle, from the beginning even unto the end, so guide and order that struggle, we beseech Thee, that at the last, what is good in us may prevail over what is evil; that everything may be brought into harmony, and that God may be all in all. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECOND SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable, we offer unto Thee our humble supplications, beseeching Thee so to lead us in the knowledge of thy truth, and obedience to thy will, that out of weakness we may be made strong, and that finally we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who orderest the affairs of the world, unto Thee do we look up in trust and hope, commending ourselves unto thy care, and committing ourselves unto thy guidance, both now and always; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, ever world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD, most glorious, we ask of Thee the wisdom that cometh from above, which is pure and peaceable, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Teach us to think soberly of ourselves, as we ought to think, and to bear each other's burdens always. Make us fruitful in every good work, to do thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRD SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who has taught us that it is not in the abundance of the things we possess that our true life consisteth, help us to set our affection on things eternal, to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, to put our hope in Thee, and above all things to love Thee with true hearts fervently, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD our Father, who makest mankind to dwell together in families, grant that in our household conversation we may be loving, helpful, and comfortable one to another, rejoicing with them that do rejoice, and bearing one another's burdens, that so we may fulfil thy law, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who in thine inscrutable wisdom art calling unto thyself one and another from among us, we pray Thee to prepare the living for death, and the dying for the life which cannot die; that so, whether we abide on the earth or depart from it, we may advance thy purposes concerning us, and may glorify thy name both in this world and in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOURTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we offer and present unto Thee our souls and our bodies, our thoughts and our desires, our words and our deeds, to be a living and continual sacrifice. We are not our own; therefore would we glorify Thee in our bodies and our spirits, which are thine, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

EVERLIVING and everlasting One, preserve us this day, we beseech Thee, from all sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of what Thou hast intrusted to our care; and forasmuch as the business of this life is apt to steal our hearts from Thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in heaven, and to live as seeing him who is invisible, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light ariseth for the upright, grant us grace in all our doubts and uncertainties, to ask of Thee what Thou wouldst have us to do, and a willing mind to do it straightway. May thy Spirit guard us from foolish choices, and save us from all false preferences; that in thy light may we see light, to the end of our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast planted in us a desire to be freed from the bondage of things seen and temporal, grant that we may be increasingly delivered from their yoke; and, that we may be truly and always free, reveal unto us the power of those things which are unseen but eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who art our everlasting Guide, we would walk through this world cheerfully and hopefully, seeking evermore to serve Thee with faithful hearts. Inspire us with the pure love of righteousness. Help us to resist what is evil, and to cleave to that which is good. Give us a wise and understanding heart, to do thy holy will. Grant us the spirit of graciousness and true humility, that in lowliness of mind we may esteem others as better than ourselves. Help us to bear each other's burdens, and to do good to all as we have opportunity, remembering the words of Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to have compassion on those who in this life are burdened with perplexities, or troubled by manifold cares and distractions. Help them to commit their cares to Thee, and to possess their souls in patience; and may thy peace console them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SIXTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast set us in the midst of many and great dangers, grant us the spirit of watchfulness and prayer, that we may walk without reproach in the paths of life, and be preserved from any sudden fall into those evils which so easily beset us. Make us strong in all wisdom and virtue, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

WHATSOEVER things are pure and lovely, whatsoever things are gentle and generous, whatsoever things are noble and self-forgetful, honourable and of good report—these things, O Lord, grant that we may with one accord pursue, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

EVERLASTING Lord, in submission to thy will may all our purposes be formed, our labour carried on and ended; and, when we are weary of our work, may we continue to put our trust in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

SEARCH us, O God, and try our hearts; prove us and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wickedness in us; and lead us in the way everlasting. We know not what a day may bring forth; but Thou art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. O Thou, who art the everlasting refuge of the sons of men, in Thee do we put our trust, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SEVENTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we give Thee thanks for thy constant goodness and unfailing care; and we beseech Thee to make us truly sensible of thy mercy, enabling us to express our thankfulness, not only by our words, but in our lives. Continue, we beseech Thee, thy goodness toward us; that we, on whom thy mercy has descended, may serve Thee in newness of life and in righteousness, all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD, we acknowledge our failures and defects; we humbly confess our errors and our sins; but, forasmuch as Thou delightest to show mercy, we beseech Thee to pardon and absolve us, to deliver us from the burden of transgression, and to release us from the power of our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, by whose life alone we are upheld, grant that we may so use the world as not to abuse it, and so look upon the things which are seen and temporal, that through them we may also apprehend the things which are unseen and eternal; and, forasmuch as we are compassed round about by a great cloud of witnesses, may we lay aside every weight, and the sins which do so easily beset us; that we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and finally by thy mercy obtain the crown of life, that fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EIGHTH SERVICE.

I.

O LORD, our God, accept we beseech Thee, the prayers which thy servants now make unto Thee. Manifest thyself unto us, feeling after Thee, and seeking Thee in the shades of ignorance. Scatter our darkness, Thou source of light and wisdom. Stretch forth thy hand to help us, who cannot without Thee come to Thee; and preserve us this day, and all our days, from error and from every evil, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who art the life of all that lives, the strength of the weak, and the hope of those that be cast down, inform our minds with thy truth, we beseech Thee, and enlarge our hearts with righteousness; strengthen our wills that they may choose the good, and refuse the evil; help us to bear each other's burdens, to forgive one another's faults, and to forbear with every defect of judgment and of temper, in those with whom we live, and who daily help us. Grant this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

MOST gracious God, who hast so ordered our life upon this earth, that we must eat bread in toil and sorrow, grant us thy peace, in the midst of our perplexities. We ask of Thee, O most Mighty, out of weakness to make us strong, in anxiety to keep us patient, and in all changes to preserve in us a cheerful spirit; and, since we may not pass all our time in rest and quietness, may we fight the good fight, learning how to endure, so that in due time we may obtain the crown of life that fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NINTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, in the light of whose countenance there is perpetual day, grant that in thy presence we may lay aside all disguises, knowing that, wheresoever we are, we live in Thee. Let not the nearness and the custom of thy presence hide Thee from our eyes, but remove from us all those hindrances to light, and to the knowledge of thyself, which in our weakness we inherit, or in our folly create. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, who art faithful and just to forgive those who confess their sins, and to cleanse them from all unrighteousness, we humbly acknowledge our faults of passion and temper, of indolence and selfishness, by which we have offended against Thee.

Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us according as our trust is in Thee through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who pervadest and animatest all that lives, Everlasting God, who art the Source from which we come, the End to which we travel, and the Centre on which we rest; help us to put our trust in Thee for ever. Enable us to surrender our wills to thine, and to sacrifice each desire that is contrary to thy law, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TENTH SERVICE.

I.

ETERNAL and Ever-blessed God, who art the Father of the spirits of all flesh, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and whose strength is perfected in our weakness, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee. Thou who knowest the things that are in heaven and in earth, the secrets of our hearts are not hid from Thee, nor the sins that have escaped our notice; yet thou despisest not the sighing of the contrite, nor the tears of such as are penitent. Look in mercy upon us, who are burdened with the sense of our transgressions; and release us from the bondage of our sins. Deliver us, we pray Thee, from blindness of mind and hardness of heart, from fretfulness, anxiety, and care, from all passion and prejudice; and grant that we may henceforward live peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who dost guide the humble of heart, aid us by the continual inspiration of thy Spirit, that we may arise and depart out of whatsoever is old and dead to us; and that, by a new and living way, we may attain to that which cannot grow old, but is alive for evermore. Help us to lay hold of that by which we are also upheld, while we apprehend that by which also we are apprehended. In newness of heart, and in the patience of hope, we would do whatsoever our hands find to do, redeeming the time, because the night cometh in which we cannot work. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O LORD, shine on us, we beseech Thee, that we may live as children of the light. Let integrity and uprightness preserve us, and we shall not depart from thy commandments. Let thy love rule within our hearts, and grant unto us that charity which is the bond of perfectness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ELEVENTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom we live and move and have our being, Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee; our fathers' God, and we will exalt Thee. We are of the dust, and turn to dust again; but we rejoice that there is that within us which changeth not, that which groweth not old nor fadeth away, for in Thee we live and move and have our being. O Thou, who hast been our dwelling-place in all generations, we bless Thee that Thou art the everlasting refuge for all the children of men, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who leadest us by a way we know not, deliver us also, we beseech Thee, from all the evils that we know. From vain imaginings and foolish fears, from wandering desires and vacant purposes, from ambitions that entangle and perplex, good Lord, deliver us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

EVERLASTING Guide and Help in time of trouble, lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake. Help us to love Thee with all our heart and soul, and strength and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves. Give us an honest and upright heart, to hate all meanness and dishonesty and lies, and to seek after whatsoever things are true and honest and just, pure and lovely and of good report. Keep our tongues from evil, and our lips that they speak no guile: may we be children of the light and of the day, in all our thoughts and doings. Save us from idleness and indolence: make us active and earnest in all good things. May it be our meat and drink to do thy will, that so we may count thy service our true honour, and thy favour our chief joy, through Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

TWELFTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all that Thou unfoldest and revealest through the veil of earthly things; for the thoughts which have strengthened us to work patiently, to endure steadfastly, and to continue in the doing of thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD our God, we bless and praise Thee, that, when we are in darkness, and see Thee not, thy heaven remaineth full of light; and we beseech Thee to help us at all times to remember that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. Grant this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who hast taught us that all things work together for good to them that love Thee, help us to trust in that eternal Will which works within our changeful life, to guide it everlastingly. Help, O Lord, the upward strivings of thy servants, that they be not henceforward swayed, either to the right hand or to the left, by those things which in past times have led us astray, and destroyed our peace; and this we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

MOST glorious God, grant us pure aims and high resolves, that all our purposes may be in harmony with thy will; and help us to work while it is day, redeeming the time, for the night cometh, in which we cannot work. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to grant us a knowledge of thyself. Increase in us this knowledge continually, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

OUR heavenly Father, we humbly thank Thee that Thou dost regenerate us by thy Holy Spirit, and incorporate us with thy Church, uniting us and all our brethren in spiritual fellowship with thyself; and we humbly beseech Thee, that being thus united, we may remain the servants of righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast taught us not to think of ourselves only, but also of the wants of others, we remember before Thee all who are burdened and oppressed; whose hopes have been crushed, and whose purposes are overthrown. We remember those who are afflicted by poverty, or worn down by illness; the weary, and the heavy laden; those also who are in darkness or despair, or who are suffering for righteousness' sake. Help them to rest in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

AND we commend unto Thee all those about to depart this life, beseeching Thee to grant unto them the spirit of tranquillity and trustfulness. May they put their hope in Thee; and, having passed through the valley of the shadow in peace, may they enter into the rest that remaineth for the people of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

V.

WE also remember all those once known to us on the earth, who have passed into the light of thy presence. Continue thy mercy and loving-kindness unto them, we beseech Thee, for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOURTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, in whom we live and move and have our being, who art within our thoughts and our desires, and art nearer to us than any creature, grant unto us, who kneel before Thee, the inward succour of thy Spirit; send us help from above, and show to us thy heavenly light. May our thoughts be just and true, our desires upright, our purposes sincere, and all our actions fruitful unto good. Grant that, casting our cares on Thee, we may live as the children of the light, and labour patiently unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, the Father of our spirits, who art also the guide of them that put their trust in Thee, deliver us we pray Thee from all idolatry and falsehood; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from slothfulness, timidity, or want of purpose. Cleanse us from secret faults, and preserve us from whatsoever is unworthy of the children whom Thou hast loved, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who art the Sun of righteousness and the light eternal, giving gladness unto all things, shine upon us both now and for ever, that we may walk always in the light of thy countenance, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who art the Lord and giver of life, quicken what is dead within us, we beseech Thee, and awaken that which is asleep; that so, we may serve Thee in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. Enable us also to lay aside every weight of care anxiety and fear, that so we may run with patience the race that is set before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, who hast opened unto us the gate of righteousness, that we may enter into it, help us to walk before Thee in simplicity and sincerity all our days. Teach us what Thou wouldest have us to do, and grant us submission to thy will. Bestow upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. May we work while it is day; for the night cometh, in which we cannot work. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD, supernatural and everlasting Father of all men, may thy children everywhere receive from Thee according to their need. Thou, who openest thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every living thing, show thy mercy, we beseech Thee, unto all whom we bear on our hearts before thee, all who are dear to us, or connected with us in any way, more especially if they are now in any trouble or adversity. Help them to rest in Thee, and to wait patiently for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SIXTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who leadest us by a way we know not, may the experience of our fathers be a light unto their children, and through all the changes of time may we find a refuge in thine unchangeableness. Be Thou a pillar of cloud by day, and of fire by night, showing us the way wherein we should walk; that so, having journeyed patiently and hopefully through the great and wide desert of this earth, we may at length, of thy mercy, enter into rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD, let thy light shine upon us, even the light of thy righteousness, that we may see our own particular faults, and be enabled daily to amend our ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

MOST gracious God, help us to walk in the light, and to live in the Spirit, as seeing him who is invisible. Give us wisdom, that the judgments of our minds may be according to truth and soberness; and grant us discretion in the ordering of our lives before Thee. From all error and inadvertence, from slavish fears, from foolish desires and worldly ambition, be pleased to deliver us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SEVENTEENTH SERVICE

I.

O GOD, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy children who have erred and strayed from thy ways, return unto Thee with contrite hearts, beseeching Thee to forgive, and to deliver us from evil. Remembering our weaknesses, we ask Thee to help us to lay aside all evil thoughts, words, and works, and to lay hold of all good thoughts, words, and works. May the power of every evil be broken in us, and may the power of all good be strengthened, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

FROM foolish thoughts and false affections,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From anger and passion, from suspicion and envy, from harsh judgment and evil-speaking, from uncharitable thought, and from all impatience,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From acquiescence in our faults, and from fruitless sorrow because of them,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all murmuring at our lot, or repining because of the burdens laid upon us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From putting darkness for light, and light for darkness; from calling evil good, and good evil; from resisting thy Spirit, and yielding to temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From giving and from taking offence; from timidity and rashness; from self-assertion, and from following the multitude,

Good Lord, deliver us,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who art the fountain of blessedness, the everlasting spring of goodness, and the source of all righteousness, God of our fathers unto whom their children now draw nigh, let thy mercy fall upon us, according as we hope in Thee. May thine everlasting Spirit guide us always; and thy light go before us, to lead us in the right way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EIGHTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU infinite and overshadowing One, who—Thyself unseen—rulest and guardest the children of men, compose our spirits, we beseech Thee, that they may rest in Thee. Pardon us whereinsoever we may have erred, in judgment, or in desire; in thought, speech, or behaviour. Cleanse us from secret faults; and follow us with thine everlasting mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

GRANT us grace, O Lord, to order our lives, according to thy will, and enable us to live in charity with all men. Uphold us by thy free Spirit, that we may be inspired with inward might, and endued with true humility; and grant that both when we labour and while we rest, both when we sleep and when we awake, thy light may be around us, and thy presence overshadowing us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the life of mortals, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead; we thank Thee for peace and quiet, and for the rest that refreshes and fits us for toil. Since the night cometh, in which we cannot work, help us to labour faithfully while it is day; and, in all our labour to repose in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NINETEENTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, we thank Thee for rest and health; for work to do, and strength to do it; and for all the surroundings of our life, that make it desirable and enjoyable. Do Thou raise our thoughts, and purify our aspirations. Strengthen our wills, we beseech Thee, on the side of what is right and good, and against what is wrong and evil, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

MOST gracious God, by fidelity and patience may all crooked things be made straight to us, and all rough places plain. Grant us true humility, and may our hope and courage never fail, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, we beseech Thee to illumine our minds in the knowledge of thy truth, that we may approve the things that are excellent, and be thoroughly furnished unto all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

O THOU, who art the source of life and light to all mankind, shine on us, we beseech Thee, with the brightness of thy countenance, that so, when the cloud and the shadow return, we may still discern the path of life, and walk therein. Let thy blessing rest upon our work and our repose, upon our going out and our coming in, from this time forth, even for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTIETH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, everlasting God, whom we cannot see, but whom in the thick darkness we may always apprehend,—who revealest thyself to every trustful soul, and satisfiest the desire of all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,—may our confidence in Thee bring rest to us, in this troubled life of ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU infinite One, who orderest the affairs of the world in boundless mercy, in perfect righteousness, and inestimable love, strengthen our weakness by thy power; and draw us ever onwards in the service of truth, and in devotion to that which is right, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we dedicate ourselves unto thy service, and consecrate our labour unto Thee; rejoicing in our work, because it is thy will. Grant that labouring in a strength that is not ours, and with a wisdom wiser than our own, we may persevere unto the end; though faint still pursuing, and apprehending that by which also we are apprehended, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

EVERLASTING God, wilt Thou keep us from all hastiness of speech or temper, from slothfulness and from repining; and in us let patience have her perfect work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-FIRST SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who art never far from any one of us, who providest whatsoever is necessary alike for the body and the soul, to whom it is more blessed to give than to receive,—Thou who orderest the affairs of the world, and guidest the lives of the children of men, who comfortest us in trouble, and liftest us up when we are bowed down,—unto Thee do we give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, Father of the spirits of all flesh, who bestowest gifts upon thy children ever world without end, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, a larger measure of thy light, that so we may attain unto a better knowledge of thyself, and increasing unity with Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY God, have compassion, we pray Thee, upon all those, whose hearts are touched with sorrow; whose spirits are troubled, or cast down within them. O Lord, remember those to whom the burdens of this life bring disaster, or dimness or darkness of soul; and we pray Thee to have mercy upon all who suffer, in body or mind, from whatever cause. Let thy mercy rest upon them, according as they hope in Thee. *Amen*

TWENTY-SECOND SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, we bless Thee for the rest of another night, and that we awake this day in life, and in so much health and enjoyment. We beseech Thee to shine upon us, and teach us how to spend the coming day. May all we do be done honestly and faithfully. Give us strength and patience; and whether we succeed or fail, whether we are in joy or sorrow, may our confidence in Thee remain, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

WHEREINSOEVER we have erred and strayed from thy ways; whereinsoever we have come short, or done that which we ought not to have done, graciously forgive us, we beseech Thee. Help us to turn from every kind of evil to that which is holy and good. Teach us to love what is right, and to do it for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O HEAVENLY Father breathe into our souls the love of whatsoever is true and beautiful and good. May we fear to be unfaithful, and have no other fear. Help us to remember that we are thy children, and belong to Thee. In thy service may we live, and in thy favour may we die, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-THIRD SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such things as eye hath not seen nor ear heard nor heart conceived, deliver us we pray Thee from all error and delusion, from evil habit, and from every form of bondage; that so, whether we are in joy or in sorrow, in sickness or in health, we may render unto Thee a free and reasonable service all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

MOST merciful Father, grant that we, whom Thou hast by thy mighty power set free, may serve Thee henceforward with quiet minds, taking up the burdens laid upon us, because they are thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy holy inspiration dost enlighten and purify the minds of men, bringing them out of darkness and guiding them in the right way, send forth thy light, we beseech Thee, that we—who are now dwellers on this earth—may walk without reproach, abiding in thy truth; that all the evils that is in us may die, and all the good may live; that we may be delivered from the power of temptation, and may at length attain unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-FOURTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, in whom is no darkness at all, grant us thy light perpetually, and when we cannot see the way before us, may we continue to put our trust in Thee, that being so guided and guarded, we may be kept from falling, and finally by thy mercy enter into rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us thy help in the work of this day, that every duty may be done with earnestness, fidelity, and zeal. Let the light of thy countenance shine upon us, preserving us from error and rash judgment, from sloth and from all things hurtful. Deliver us, O Lord, we pray Thee, from envy, pride, and vainglory; from the covetousness which is idolatry, and from the uncharitableness which is death. Enable us to lay aside all bitterness and wrath and evil-speaking; and may we continue in true humility, forbearing one another and forgiving one another, even as Thou hast forgiven us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

GRANT that leaving the things that are too high for us, in quietness and confidence we may find our strength. We beseech Thee to inspire us with all the virtues of thy children, and grant that by the doing of thy will we may increase our light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

TWENTY-FIFTH SERVICE.

I.

O GOD, by whose light alone the souls of men are guided, by whose strength they are upheld, direct us in all our work, we beseech Thee, and enlighten us continually by thy Spirit, that so we may be inspired to new obedience, and quickened in the ways of thy law, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

CREATE clean hearts within us, O Lord, cleanse us from secret faults, strengthen us by thine almighty power, and establish our lives in righteousness; save us from all that is morbid, and all that is foolish; make us natural in our desires, earnest in all our purposes, and in our whole life sincere, and without guile, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who hast appointed us to labour, when we are weary of work, and think it fruitless, when the light of our life has become dim, and our duty is hard because it seems unprofitable, help us, O God, we beseech Thee, to think of thy patience and long-suffering, that so we may again take up our labour and our burdens, and persevere with them unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

TWENTY-SIXTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we give Thee thanks for the light of another day, for the work we have to do, and for strength to do it. Guide us, we pray Thee, by thy truth, uphold us by thy power, and purify us by the continual indwelling of thy Spirit. Grant that by every opportunity we have, we may grow in wisdom, and knowing the things that belong to our peace, may obtain strength to persevere unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD, preserve and deepen our trust in Thee, and in thy providence; increase our confidence in thy love, wisdom, and justice; that so we may not live without God in the world. Direct our thoughts and words aright this day, we beseech Thee. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, and be expressed in everything that we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

MOST gracious God, bless all who are connected with us, especially those who may be in trouble or adversity; helping them to possess their souls in patience, and given them, if it be thy will, a happy issue out of trouble, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who hast awakened us again after sleep, we bless Thee for the light of this day, and for the duties which await us. Keep us steadfast at our work, we beseech Thee, and patient in the doing of thy will. Renew thy strength in us, and replenish us with the graces of thy Spirit. O Thou in whom we have trusted, vouchsafe to keep us this day without sin, and, if it please Thee, in prosperity and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, we beseech Thee so to rule and guide our hearts, that we may be preserved from all evil and danger, from selfishness and vainglory, from excess and the pursuit of vanity, from foolish choices, unreasonable fears, and every form of bondage, that so we may serve Thee in freedom all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III

ALMIGHTY God, Father of the spirits of all flesh, be pleased so to illumine all souls with thy light, that, in growing unity with Thee, they may be sharers of the life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-EIGHTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who art the light of the minds that know Thee, the life of the souls that love Thee, and the strength of the thoughts that seek Thee, help us so to know Thee that we may fully serve Thee, whose service is perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

FROM evil thoughts, and low desires,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From covetousness, vainglory, and sloth,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From envy, malice, and all uncharitableness,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From revenge, and the remembrance of injuries,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From self-love, and the forgetfulness of benefits,
Good Lord, deliver us,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O LORD our God, almighty and most merciful Father, let thy good Spirit dwell in us always, inspiring us with lofty purposes and steadfast reverence, that so we may have strength to serve Thee, with all diligence, in humility and singleness of heart; using faithfully in thy service whatsoever Thou hast intrusted to our care. May we be increasingly in union with all that is good, and increasingly at variance with all that is evil, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-NINTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast taught us that in love to Thee and to our neighbour we keep all the commandments, enable us to love Thee with our whole heart, and our neighbour as ourselves; endure us with the graces of thy Spirit; conform us to thy righteous will; and strengthen our weakness by thy power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

MOST merciful God, deliver us from self-will, from blindness of mind, from hardness of heart, from frowardness of spirit, from foolish desires, from false ambition, and from all forgetfulness of Thee. Grant us the spirit of true religion, the spirit of meekness and forbearance, of modesty and contentment, of patience and humility, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, grant thy blessing unto all mankind, and visit the whole world with thy mercy. Let thy way be known upon earth, and thy saving health among all nations. These things we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRTIETH SERVICE.

I.

SPIRIT of truth and of light, shine into our hearts, we pray Thee, now and at all times; illumine our minds with the knowledge of thyself, and guide us in the right way; that so we may walk undismayed through all the perplexities of this world; doing our daily work in all modesty, simplicity, and patience; bearing our burdens, because they are thy will; and persevering in the practice of all the virtues of thy children, whom Thou hast called unto fellowship with thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who hast taught us to lose our wills in thine, and to find them again transformed, breathe into us, we beseech Thee, the breath of thine own life, and grant that, yielding ourselves to the inspiration of thy righteousness, all the evil that is in us may die, and all the good may live; and thine shall be the praise, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

GUIDE us, O God, from day to day, that we may continue in the practice of all righteousness, knowing that Thou dost beset us behind and before: and forasmuch as Thou hast ordained that we should eat our bread in sorrow, grant that we may have increasing joy and rest in Thee, and may live as the children of the light, continuing steadfast and faithful unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THIRTY-FIRST SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who dwellest in the high and holy heaven, but who visitest the hearts of the lowly, vouchsafe thy presence, we beseech Thee, unto us, now and for ever. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, that we may stand within thy holy place. O Father of lights, send forth thy light upon us, with thy truth, which sanctifieth and maketh free. We ask of Thee the wisdom that cometh from above, that is pure and peaceable, full of gentleness and mercy. May thy love rule within our hearts, thy righteousness direct our wills, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

ALMIGTHY God, who changest not, amid the strifes of the world grant us thy peace; in all its changefulness be Thou our stay; deliver us from its vanities, and enable us to find our chief good in Thee. Let all bitterness and wrath, and evil-speaking, be put away from us; may we be kind-hearted, and learn to forgive one another, even as Thou hast forgiven us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

EVERLASTING Father, we beseech Thee to enable us to love Thee with all our heart and soul and strength and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves. Help us to be meek and lowly in heart. Sweeten our tempers; and dispose us to be kind and helpful to each other, and to all men. Make us kind in thought, gentle in speech, generous in action. Teach us that it is more blessed to give, than to receive: that it is better to minister, than to be ministered unto; better to forget ourselves, than to put ourselves forward. Deliver us from anger, and from envy; from all harsh thoughts, and unlovely manners. Make us of some use in this world; may we more and more forget ourselves, and work the work of Him who sent us here, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECTION IV

ANOTHER SERIES OF PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

FIRST SERVICE.

I.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, of thy great goodness to grant unto us the heavenly Vision; that we may behold not only the things of sense in their turmoil and transience, but also the things that endure in their rest and everlastingness. Grant us the sweet peace of the eternal years, and may we evermore rejoice in the duties that bring with them a quiet heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

WE thank thee, O God, most merciful and mighty, that Thou takest us every day out of our own keeping. Help us to remember, both for ourselves and for all who are dear to us, that—whether in the body, or out of the body—we live in Thee, and are thine for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who hast taught us to continue patient in well-doing, and dost assure us that in due time we shall reap if we faint not, help us to welcome whatsoever Thou ordainest; and, though our road wind up-hill all the way, may we persevere unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECOND SERVICE.

I.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that this day may be to us one of healthful work and progress. Whether outwardly joyous or sad, may it be fruitful in good endeavour. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely and of good report, grant that with one accord we may think on these things to do them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast planted in us a desire to be freed from the bondage of things seen and temporal, grant that we may be increasingly delivered from their yoke; and, that we may be truly and always free, reveal unto us the power of those things which are not seen and eternal. We would walk through this world cheerfully and hopefully, seeking evermore to serve Thee with faithful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and on whom the eyes of all do wait, who crownest the year with thy goodness, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness, every day do we give thanks unto Thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THIRD SERVICE

I.

O GOD, we bless Thee for the memory of things past, for the use of things present, and for the hope of things to come. Thou makest the outgoings of the morning to rejoice over us, and Thou art loving unto every man. We remember thy kindnesses of old, and thy mercies which are new every morning. We rejoice that as high as heaven is above the earth, so great is thy mercy towards us: and that as far as the east is from the west, so far dost Thou remove our transgressions from us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who art half-revealed yet half-concealed, we bless Thee that can discern thy truth through the veils which hide it from the world. Grant that, knowing it thus, we may also love it; and, loving it, may strive to set it forth. Help us day by day to speak the truth in love, and may thy peace possess our hearts and minds for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU who wilt not let us go, although at times we wander from Thee, who art nearer to us than anything that Thou hast made, and who speakest to us by a still small voice within, recall us, we beseech Thee, unto Thyself, from all our haste and waywardness, and keep us steadfast in our allegiance unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

O THOU, who hast taught us that we are most truly free when we lose our wills in thine, help us to attain to this liberty by continual surrender unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOURTH SERVICE.

I.

BLESSED art Thou, Lord God of our fathers, who awakenest us again after sleep. May this day bring to us some new knowledge of Thee, and add some good deed to the experiences of yesterday. Let us hear thy loving-kindness in the morning, and rejoice in it until the evening; for in Thee do we trust. May thy good Spirit lead us, hour by hour, into the land of uprightness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

UNTO Thee, O God, do we lift up our souls. Daily and hourly we feel our limitations. We are in bondage to things seen and temporal, while we long for the unseen and the eternal. We seek to rise, but are driven back when we know it not. Be Thou our refuge, our guard, our ruler, our guide; for without Thee we can do nothing. Inspire us by thy free Spirit, and we shall be more than conquerors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU whom to know is life eternal, and in whom to live is blessedness supreme, grant by thy great goodness that we may know Thee now, and by thy continual presence may abide in Thee for ever. Preserve us this day from the love of what is transient and perishable; and enable us, by the opening of the inward eye, to discern that which abideth for evermore. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who hast taught us that man liveth not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth from Thyself, Thou whose commandment is exceeding broad wherein is the law of liberty, and in the keeping of which there is great reward; help us so to love honour and obey it, that we may be strengthened with all might, that we may know the peace that passeth understanding, and that ours may be light to the end of our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD in whom we live, and who art the same yesterday to-day and for ever, Thou to whom one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day, we realize thine eternity and omnipresence, at this hour. Enable us to think rightly of thy nature, and of all thy ways. Thou hast ordained that we should be surrounded by evil, and exposed to temptation. Grant us the victory that overcometh the world, and may ours be ever more and more the life of God in the soul of man, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who satisfiest the desires of the hearts that thou hast made, and who refreshest those that are weary, our longings praise Thee, our desires worship Thee, and our whole natures call aloud for Thee. Enable us so to rise to Thee that—having thus risen—we may love all that Thou lovest, and care for every one for whom Thou carest, and for everything that is dear to Thee. Prepare our hearts, we beseech Thee, to delight in whatsoever is true and beautiful and good, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SIXTH SERVICE.

I.

WE beseech Thee, O God, to preserve us from error and prejudice, from egoism and self-assertion—whether by word or deed—from being wise in our own conceit, and from all partizanship. May we always await thy leisure. Grant us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who hast taught us that not one of the things which we possess is our own, and yet that having nothing we may possess all things in Thee, help us to bear in mind that we are owners—both of what is great, and what is little—only for a time; and that whatsoever we call our own we now possess in common with the poorest of thy children. We wish to use what we have, remembering that soon we must lay it down, while others take it up. May we learn to work more steadfastly while we realize that Thou workest in us, and that others will work after us, to will and to do of thy good will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

LEAD us, O Lord, by thy light while we pray unto Thee. We seek the Lord and his strength. Therefore may all that is within us be stirred up to bless his holy name. Make us victorious over the things that press us down, and over every hindrance to well-doing. Direct, O Lord, our goings out, and our comings in, we beseech Thee; and so unite us to Thyself, that neither height nor depth, things present nor things to come, may be able to separate us from Thee, and from thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SEVENTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such things as eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor heart conceived, help us to love Thee with all our heart and soul and mind and strength; and to this end may we see Thee with the inward eye through all the veils of sense, and evermore rejoice in thy holy comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, by whom we have been taught that there is nothing hidden which shall not be revealed, and nothing buried which shall not be raised up, help us to believe in what endureth, while we experience that which passeth away. We rejoice in the daily renewal of the life which shall have no end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

WE thank Thee, O Lord, that in the great labyrinth of this life thy love attendeth us for ever, while we know that Thou guidest us by the right way. We rejoice that there is no force in the world so great and glorious as thy love, and that it imprisons us, only to set us free. Preserve us, we beseech Thee, from the earthly ambitions which enslave, and keep us ever near unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EIGHTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who givest unto all liberally and upbraidest not, grant that we may receive out of thy fulness according to our need; and as in the warfare to which we are summoned we contend not with flesh and blood, but with principalities and powers, strengthen us with inward might, we beseech Thee, and give us a daily increase of faith, hope, and charity. Furthermore, we ask only what is needful to enable us to do thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who art the One, the Eternal, the Infinite, the Everlasting, and the Ever-living, after whom all generations have aspired, Thou who dost satisfy the desire of every heart that Thou hast made, look in mercy on us now. We lift our souls to Thee, and beseech Thee to inspire us with thine everlasting love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who hast taught us to ask that we may receive, and to seek that we may find, help us mercifully in our prayers, and aid us in our search; so that, having received and found, we may enter into rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NINTH SERVICE.

I.

O GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the noble works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them. There be who have left a name behind them, to declare thy praise; and some there be who have no memorial, who have perished as though they had not been. All things around us change, and we ourselves depart. But Thou, O Lord, endurest for ever; thy name and memorial are to all generations, and Thou givest, out of thine everlasting fulness, to thy creatures ceaselessly. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, who knowest the things that they need. Therefore do we put our trust in Thee, and wait patiently for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, who hidest thyself from us betimes—so that when we go forward we discern Thee not, and go backward but cannot perceive Thee; when we look to the right hand where Thou dost work we do not behold Thee; and, when we turn to the left, we cannot see Thee; we know nevertheless that Thou art always the same, and the everlasting rewarder of all who diligently seek Thee. Thou knowest the way that we take; and Thou hast assured us that, when Thou hast tried us, we may all come forth as gold. The Lord preserve our going out and our coming in, from this time forth for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom we live and move and have our being, so inspire us by thy Spirit we beseech Thee, that out of weakness we may be made strong, and daily advance in knowledge, in sight, and wisdom. Do Thou so unite us to Thyself that neither life nor death, things present nor things to come, may be able to separate us from Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TENTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU who hast made us for thyself, so that our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee, we give thanks for everything that calls us Home. May no cloud of ignorance come between us and Thee; but grant that with clear minds we may know thy will concerning us, and with true hearts perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, most gracious Father, who hast taught us that we are thine offspring, and that Thou hast made us in thine image, though such knowledge is too wonderful for us, we ask Thee to unfold it to us more and more. Thou, who hast given us the joy of knowing that Thou art, and what Thou art; who hast made us for thyself, that we should have life and have it more abundantly in Thee, perfect Thou the work of thy hands, we beseech Thee, and regenerate us day by day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

LORD of all worlds, who art also our Father in Heaven, accept, we beseech Thee, the dedication we now make of our bodies, souls, and spirits unto Thee. Grant that this offering may be more sincere and perfect every day; that so, upheld by thy Spirit, we may go on from strength to strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ELEVENTH SERVICE.

I.

ENABLE us, O Lord, to love Thee, with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and our neighbours as ourselves; that so the grace of thy charity may dwell in us for ever. Grant that all envy, jealousy, and mistrust, may die in us; that suspicion and harsh judgement may be put away from us, while we live in continual fellowship with Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, with whom is the Fountain of Life and from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, Thou without whom we can do nothing, and whose strength is made perfect in our weakness, we beseech Thee so to direct us at the beginning of each day that we may do its work faithfully unto the end. So inspire us by thy presence that we may be sent on our way rejoicing, that we may persevere under all difficulty, and find that in the keeping of thy commandments there is life and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, as we need thy help, illumination, and guidance, grant these things unto us we beseech Thee; that so we may attain unto a fuller knowledge of thy will, that we may increase in spiritual wisdom, and being inwardly strengthened with all might may work patiently unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWELFTH SERVICE.

I.

1. O THOU, whose glory the Heavens declare,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

2. O Thou, whose handiwork the firmament sheweth,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

3. O Thou, whose is the earth and the fulness thereof,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

4. O Thou, whose is the world and all that dwell therein,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

5. O Thou, of whom day unto day uttereth speech,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

6. O Thou, of whom night unto night sheweth knowlege,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

7. O Thou, who crownest the year with thy goodness,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

8. O Thou, who hast set thy glory above the Heavens,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

9. O Thou, in whom we live, and move, and have our being,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

10. O Thou, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things,

We praise Thee, and magnify Thee for ever.

11. We bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we rejoice in Thee,

And this we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

O THOU, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, Thou that hearest prayer, and unto whom all flesh shall come, be gracious we pray Thee unto every dweller on the earth. Strengthen the feeble and the needy, sustain the weak-hearted, raise up the fallen, make us all the children of light, and guide our feet into the ways of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, inspire thy Church, we beseech Thee, to see—as Thou seest—everything reconciled in the unity of thy love; to discern thy gracious goodness, beneath every veil; and to behold all things working together for good, and for thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who knowest not the lapse of time, to whom a thousand years are as one day, and one day as a thousand years, whose light shineth for ever, Thou who art the bread and the water of life—which increase the more they are partaken of—we thank Thee for thy revelations which have been ever of old, and for thy oracles to our fathers and thy disclosures to their children: but we also bless Thee for the mysteries that remain, and which overshadow, to keep us humble. We look up through the darkest of them all, resting in Thyself alone, and waiting patiently for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who dost call us to Thyself, that in union with Thee we may know Thee as Thou art, grant that such fellowship may be ours; and that, walking in the light, we may be inspired in thought and word and act, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOURTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

MOST gracious God, who hast assured us that with the merciful Thou wilt shew thyself merciful, with the upright Thou wilt shew thyself upright, and with the pure Thou wilt shew Thyself pure, in our trouble we call upon Thee. Be Thou our deliverer and stay; bring us forth we beseech Thee into a large place, and may the God of our salvation be exalted, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give thee humble thanks, that thou hast vouchsafed to grant us a knowledge of Thyself, and faith in Thee. Increase this knowledge in us, we beseech Thee, and confirm our faith for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

MOST merciful Lord, may thy grace work within us unto the farthest end, conforming us in all things unto Thyself. We desire only that which is acceptable unto Thee, while we wait patiently for whatsoever Thou ordainest. May our wills be increasingly one with thine own; and grant above all things that we may rest in tranquillity on Thee, and be at peace with our brethren to the end of our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

O GOD, who hast created us not for this world alone, but hast veiled the future from our eyes, we thank Thee for the light Thou hast vouchsafed, and also for the darkness that remains. We are pilgrims here, as all our fathers were; but our hope is in Thee, and in the life that is to come. Grant, we beseech Thee, that no mystery may cast us down, or prevent our trust, or lessen our joy, or impair our faith, or interrupt our vision of Thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

INFINITE God and omnipresent Father, we rejoice that wheresoever we go Thou art there, and that whatsoever we do thy being surroundeth ours. From thy presence we cannot escape, and without Thee we can do nothing. For this our heart is glad, and our glory rejoiceth. Whom have we in Heaven but Thee? There is none in all the earth whom we desire beside Thee. In Thee therefore would we live, and in Thee have more abundant life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who art ever the same yet art known to us through constant change, help us to realize thy Providence and its everlasting laws, in whatsoever comes to pass. We see Thee within the order which Thou hast made, and we believe in the Presence that besets us before and behind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SIXTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

O GOD, who has taught us to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us, do Thou so guide and direct us —who are ignorant, weak, and wilful—that we injure no one by thought, or word, or deed; that we are considerate in judgment, gracious in speech, and merciful in all our acts. Grant, we beseech Thee, that by being always just and true, by keeping innocency and taking heed to the thing that is right, ours may be the peace that passeth understanding, and that endureth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

WE beseech Thee, O God, to keep us this day from the strife of tongues, and to hide us in thine own presence from the provoking of men. Make us humble, patient, earnest, joyous, meek. Grant unto us the charity, that suffereth long and is kind, that beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, and never faileth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, whose kingdom cometh not with observation, but is within the souls of thy children, and becometh known to them in joy and peace, as service and perfect freedom; Thou, who hast hidden from the wise and prudent what Thou revealest unto babes, we would become as little children before Thee, that ours may be the Kingdom of Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SEVENTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

WE beseech Thee, O God, that our whole life may be a sacrifice and thanksgiving unto Thee. May all that is within us be stirred up to praise Thee for evermore. We thank Thee for blessings around us and within, for mercies known and unknown, for all that Thou hast granted, for what Thou hast withheld, and for everything yet in store for us. Most of all we bless Thee for everything wherewith Thou drawest us to Thyself, and by which Thou makest us thine own through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who knowest us altogether, we confess that we have erred, and failed. We have come short, and transgressed; we have sinned against Thee, in thought, word, and deed. We have forsaken the fountain of living waters, and hewn out for ourselves cisterns that hold no water. We are ashamed of these things, and repent of our wrongdoing. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant us thy forgiveness, and to assure us of it, as Thou alone canst; enabling us in days to come to amend our lives according to thy law. By thine omnipresent Spirit, do Thou incline our wills for ever to that which is right. In thy wisdom make us wise; and grant that with our whole heart we may serve Thee in days to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU who dwellest in the light that is unapproachable, while clouds and darkness are round about Thee, we thank Thee that the day is thine, the night also is thine. When deep calleth unto deep, and all thy waves and billows are around us, we recognize the voice of the Lord our God. We know that the sea is his, and that He made it; also that the storm may be changed into a calm, at his command and will. Help us, O God, to acquiesce in every turning of our lot, in the scene that moveth to and fro, in the change which proceedeth from Thyself, and is forever controlled by Thee; and, through all the storms of this world let our whole confidence be in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

EIGHTEENTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGTHY and everlasting God, grant that our thoughts may be ever governed by that large charity of thine which beareth much, which is not easily provoked, and which seeketh not its own. May our aims be ever one with thine, that so our wills may be ready to serve Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, to whom the finite and the Infinite are one, and in whom all differences disappear, we bow down before Thee in adoration of thy glorious majesty. Thou art with us now, and art with us when we know it not. We therefore pray Thee to inspire thy children, who now kneel before Thee, with such thoughts as may disclose thy presence on every side, and reveal the fulness of thy grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who givest to thy children liberally and upbraidest not, preserve us from all envy at the good of our neighbour, and from every form of jealousy. Teach us to rejoice in what others have and we have not, to delight in what they achieve and we do not accomplish, to be glad in all that they enjoy and we do not experience. Remove from our inmost souls, we beseech Thee, every root of bitterness towards those who succeed, while we are passed by; and to this end grant that we may daily and hourly live in that Love of thine which encompasseth the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NINETEENTH SERVICE.

I.

FROM all conscious evil, and from all unconscious sin, good Lord, deliver us: and, as we sometimes err when we know it not, grant that we may at times succeed, and do the thing that is right, unconsciously. If we fall in ignorance, may we also rise and make progress unawares, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

GRANT, O gracious Father, that we may for ever assent to the arrangements of thy holy will. Prepare us for all that Thou hast prepared for us. Let us not murmur or be impatient under the troubles of this life, nor dejected because of the burden and heat of the day. We would find comfort in the thought that whatsoever cometh to pass is the outcome of a Providence that never slumbers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU lover of souls, we thank Thee for those dear to us who have departed this life, and who now see Thee no longer through a glass darkly, but know even as they are known. We bless Thee that Thou gatherest thy children one by one from the strife and weariness of time, to the peace of the everlasting years. We thank Thee for the joys of the earth, and of this life, while they last; but we also bless Thee for their close, and for the hope of what lies beyond them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTIETH SERVICE.

I.

GRANT unto us, O God, such revelations of Thyself as may be most expedient for us. May we know all that can be truly known of Thee, without desiring to know more. Teach us who know in part, to acquiesce in the limits Thou hast set; and so illumine our minds that our hearts may be kept in the right way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who art a God at hand, and not afar off, yet whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain; we rejoice that we have not to go up into the height to find Thee, nor descend into the depth to reach Thee; for Thou besettest us before and behind, and in Thee we live and move and have our being. Thou art with us, when we are unaware; and within us, when we know it not. Therefore our hope is in Thee. Enable us to live from hour to hour, as seeing Him who is invisible; and may the love which passeth understanding keep our hearts and minds for ever, in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

WE ask Thee, O God, for a blessing on our daily work, with its joys and sorrows, its burdens and its mysteries. We rejoice that Thou hast ordained it, and presidest over it. We bless Thee that while we labour, over all our incompleteness thy fulness dwells, and around our restlessness thy rest remaineth. For this we give Thee perpetual thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-FIRST SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who at sundry times and in diverse manners hast spoken unto our fathers by the prophets, who have been since the world began, may their children also hear thy voice to the latest generations; and in order that they may advance, in the knowledge that endures, in the hope that conquers, and the love that casts out fear, in thy wisdom make them wise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, who art the soul of our souls and the life of our lives, we rejoice that Thou also art our Father in Heaven. Help us to rest in Thee; and, amid the turmoil of the world, to find a present Heaven in that rest. All our well-springs are in Thee, from whom cometh down to thy children every good and perfect gift.

We thank Thee for the world without us wherein thy glory is revealed, when day unto day uttereth speech of Thee, and night unto night certifieth knowledge. We thank Thee still more for the world within, where thy Spirit dwelleth and daily workest with our own, where Thou revealest thyself secretly to the souls which Thou hast made. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to deepen our consciousness of Thee continually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY God, we know that Thou canst not forsake the work of thine own hands, nor disappoint those who put their trust in Thee. And yet we know that the more we ask thy protection, the more fully we shall have it. We therefore pray Thee to save us from following any will but thine, and to direct us evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-SECOND SERVICE.

I.

O GOD, who through thy holy Spirit dost pour the gift of love into the souls of thy children, and hast told us that in love is the fulfilling of the law, grant that we may receive of its fulness for ever from the fountain-head; and being thus replenished, may love Thee with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU Father of the spirits of all flesh, we remember before Thee thy children once with us in the world, but who have departed this life and sleep in Thee. Thou who keepest in perfect peace all minds and hearts that are stayed on Thee, we rejoice for ever with them in the love that casts out fear. We also remember those who have been faithful workers, but are now weary of well-doing, and who faint because of the burden and heat of the day. Help them to possess their souls in patience, and to persevere unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD, we know and believe in the love Thou bearest towards us. May we, by dwelling in that love, dwell in Thee and Thou in us. We would learn to love, and to serve Him whom we have not seen, by loving and serving our brethren whom we have seen, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-THIRD SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and who art without variableness or shadow of turning, whose kingdom endureth throughout all generations, we would enter into the joy of our Lord, that ours may be the peace that passeth understanding. Do Thou continue thy loving kindness to us for evermore; make us perfect in every good work to do thy will; stablish, strengthen, settle us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, who upholdest all things by the word of thy power, and of whose government there shall be no end, Thou who in all things hast the pre-eminence, and in whom all fulness dwells, Thou art our God, early will we seek Thee, our fathers' God, and we will adore Thee. Our souls thirst for Thee, our heart and our flesh cry out for the living God; and because thy loving-kindness is better than life, our lips praise Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

GRANT, O God, that we be not slothful in work, that we act not uncertainly, nor as those that beat the air. Whatsoever our hands find to do, may we do it with our might. May we so run as to obtain, and so fight the good fight that we may at length receive the crown of life that fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

TWENTY-FOURTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU who hast taught us that if our hearts are right toward Thee, our lives will be serene, that if our consciences are clear we may go on our way rejoicing, help us to accept with cheerfulness and to receive with gladness whatsoever pleaseth Thee. We know that all things work together for good. If therefore Thou afflictest us, we bow our heads before Thee: and if Thou sendest comfort, we lift them up unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

GRANT unto us, O Lord, that in all thy works we may evermore discern Thee. We humbly bless Thee for that which Thou revealest unto us, and not only for what Thou bestowest, but also for what Thou dost withhold. For the knowledge that Thou givest and for what Thou keepest back, for the experiences which are new and for the lessons that are old, we give Thee perpetual thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who hast taught us that the kingdom of Heaven is within, and that to know Thee is life eternal, increase in us this knowledge, we beseech Thee. Do Thou enlighten our minds, and enrich our hearts, for all our fresh springs are in Thee. Strengthen our wills to obey thy commandments, and direct us in the ways of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

TWENTY-FIFTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who makest us to will and to do of thy good will, grant unto us a courteous spirit, a forgiving temper, and an unselfish heart. Bestow upon us the spirit of self-sacrifice and cheerfulness, of hope and of endurance. Increase in us the love of truth, of candour, and of honour. Grant us courage to do what is right, and to persevere unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who art the strength of the lonely, and the hope of those that be cast down, grant that we thy children may continue patiently unto the end in the doing of thy will, if sorrowing yet alway rejoicing, if faint, yet still pursuing, as cast down yet not destroyed, as having nothing yet possessing all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD most merciful, we rejoice that we are for ever with Thee, alike when we sleep and when we wake. Be Thou the constant ruler of our thoughts, and the desire of our hearts for evermore. We need thy presence every hour, to guard our senses, to inspire our wills, and to make obedience unto Thee our joy. Help us to realize Thee in all the discipline Thou givest, and let patience have her perfect work in us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-SIXTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who knowest what things we have need of before we ask them, but who hast told us to ask that we may receive, to seek that we may find, and to knock that it may be opened to us, we rejoice that Thou orderest all things according to our need. Therefore come we unto Thee, knowing that we ought always to pray, and not to faint. May our work this day be carried on in fellowship with Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

ALMIGHTY God, we know that we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out: but Thou, who hast taught us that we came forth from Thee, and return to Thee again, hast also assured us that Thou art our Father, and we thine offspring; and that, while having nothing we may yet possess all things. Therefore it is that we lay not up treasures upon earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves can steal. Our possessions are in Thee, in whom all fulness dwells, with whom are riches incorruptible, and pleasures that abide. We rest in Thee; and where our treasure is, there would our hearts be also, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

GREAT God of our fathers, who art also their children's guide to all generations, help us to believe that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, even while clouds and darkness are round about Him; and that we, who are strangers and sojourners here, and are often in the wilderness, may nevertheless rest in Thee for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SERVICE.

I.

O THOU, who revealest Thyself to the hearts of men, yet whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain, far as the Heaven is from the earth, so far art Thou above us when we pray; yet nearer than the soul is to the body art Thou the hearer of prayer to us. When Thou dost reveal thyself, far as the east is from the west so far removest Thou our littleness from us. O Thou who openest and no man shutteth, who shuttest and no man openeth, teach us thy wisdom secretly, and let thy light so shine upon us that we may know the glory of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU infinite and everlasting One, we look alone and steadfastly unto Thee, and wait for thy revelations which are new to us every day. We put our whole trust in Thee, believing that although we fall we shall rise again, for we know that our Redeemer liveth, and that when He hath tried us we shall come forth as gold. When we are in sorrow, help us to say, Why are we cast down, or disquieted? still hope in God, for we shall yet praise Him, who is the health of our countenance, and our joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, by whom men are taught knowledge, and by whose love they are upheld, grant that we may know increasingly that which is worth knowing, and love perpetually that which is worthy of our love. Lighten our darkness we beseech Thee, remove from us all error and delusion, and reveal unto us what we most need to know, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-EIGHTH SERVICE.

I.

EVERLASTING God, we offer unto Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving. We praise Thee for all the blessings of this life, for the uses of the world, for the privilege of friendship, for thy revelations granted us in Nature and in Providence, for the memories of the past, and hopes for days to come. Make us fruitful in every good work to do thy will; and the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us, establish Thou the work of our hands upon us, yea the work of our hands establish Thou it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY God, while the day returns, and brings to us its round of duties great and small, grant us a clear eye to discern the least of them, and a willing heart to perform the greatest. May cheerful industry be ours, with a steadfast heart and will. We would begin our work, finding it not a burden, but a joy. We would continue it with patience. hour by hour; so that, when its course is ended, we may enter undishonoured into rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, whose commandments endure for ever, we would be increasingly joined to the company of those who rejoice in the law of the Lord, and find it to be the law of liberty, who are the willing subjects of the King of Glory, and enter into his courts with joy, there to drink of the rivers of his pleasure. Unite us, we beseech Thee, with the choirs invisible who for ever celebrate thy praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-NINTH SERVICE.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who at times concealest Thyself from us, in order that Thou mayest thereafter reveal Thyself more abundantly, help us when in darkness to believe in the light, and to remember whence it flows ; and amid all the changes of this life may we find repose in the thought that Thou changest not, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who art the everlasting light, and in the darkness art not withdrawn, help us to believe that both are alike to Thee, who besettest us before and behind. While we meditate on the adorable light, do Thou, the sun of Righteousness, shine on us, and uplift our minds and hearts to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY God, to whom it is always more blessed to give than to receive, grant us health both of body and mind that, being thus replenished, we stedfastly perform those things which are acceptable unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

O LORD, we believe; help Thou our unbelief. We know in whom we believe; but we know in part, and see Thee through a glass darkly. Therefore we beseech Thee to reveal Thyself unto us more and more, according as we are able to bear it. We hunger and thirst for a true knowledge of Thyself, and of all that discloses Thee, within and without, in time and in space, ever world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRTIETH SERVICE.

I.

O GOD, who knowest and accomplishest what is best, be it unto us according to thy will. For this we know that Thou desirest to deliver us from evil.

From every fault, known and unknown,
Good Lord! deliver us.

From self-indulgence and fretfulness, from loss of temper and waste of time,
Good Lord! deliver us.

From indecision and haste, from vacillation and all day-dreaming,
Good Lord! deliver us.

From perplexity and rashness, from impatience and discontent,
Good Lord! deliver us.

From pride and arrogance, from self-sufficiency and all distrust of Thee,
Good Lord! deliver us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, who from the throne of glory beholdest thy children on the earth, let our prayer come before Thee as of old like incense, and the lifting up of our hands as the morning sacrifice. We rejoice in the light of thy countenance. Thou hast given us the joy of knowing Thee, and hast comforted us on every side. Grant, we beseech Thee, that the memory of thy goodness may be ever with us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O THOU, who givest to all men liberally out of thy fulness, and makest thy sun to shine on the evil and the good, grant that we may see the light and whence it flows, that we may welcome it from whatsoever source it comes, and that we may for ever rejoice in it when it proceedeth from Thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

O THOU, who has appointed us to live together in families, grant thy blessing we beseech Thee to all who dwell in this house, and to any member of it, who may be absent, that they may be kept in the true religion, may reverence and obey thy holy laws, and be preserved evermore both in body and soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRTY-FIRST SERVICE.

I.

O GOD, who hast placed us in this world under laws which never can be broken, but who hast also planted in it a kingdom of which Thou art thyself the King, grant that with tranquil hearts we may put our trust in Thee for ever. And as thy Kingdom is compacted by that which every joint supplieth, may we strive to aid every other member, as we have opportunity; while we rejoice in the knowledge that all things work together for good to them that love Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O THOU, who knowest that we are oftentimes bereft of hope, and tempted even to despair, enlighten us we beseech Thee as to what Thou hast yet in store for us, that we may know the exceeding greatness of thy power, and what is the hope of our calling, if made more than conquerors, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O GOD, who hast spoken unto us through the Scriptures of old, help us to speak to Thee, while we use these same Scriptures now. We could not know Thee, or address Thee, hadst Thou not revealed thyself unto us: and the words which we now utter proceed from those which our fathers heard of old, and knew to be thine own. For these we give perpetual thanks; and we beseech Thee in thy wisdom to make us wise regarding them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS.

O GOD our Father, who at this season didst send down thy Son to be born into flesh; Thou whom the innumerable company of the heavenly host did praise, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill toward men;" grant that the kingdoms of the world may be joined together in amity; send forth among all men friendship and reconcilement; let them forgive whose brethren have offended, and let them repent who have offended their brethren; that so we thy children upon earth may be gathered into one united family, concordantly praising Thee, and blessing Thee for the great Redemption. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by the birth of thy holy child Jesus hast given us a great light to dawn upon our darkness, grant, we pray Thee, that in his light we may see light to the end of our days: and bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, the most excellent Christmas gift of charity to all men, that so the likeness of thy Son may be formed in us; and that we may have the ever-brightening hope of everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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